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# SUMMARY OF AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, FROM 1873 TO 1897.

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Name of Colony. (Area in Square Miles.)	Year.	Population on the 1st December.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Immigrants by Sea.	Emigrants by Sea.	Public Revenue.*		Public Expenditure.*	Public Debt at end of year.	Shipping Inwards and Outwards.		Miles open at the end of each year.		Total Cultivation.	Wheat.		Oats.		Barley.		Maize.		Other Cereals.		Potatoes.		Hay.		Green Forage.*		Other Tillage.*		Horses.		Cattle.		Sheep.		Pigs.		Year.	Name of Colony.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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# REPORT.

SIR,

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST,  
Melbourne, 9th March, 1899.

I have the honour to transmit the Australasian Statistics for the year 1897.

Preliminary returns, embodying the leading particulars of these statistics, were forwarded to the Government Printer on the 2nd and 10th March, the 9th May, and the 11th October, 1898, and duly published in the *Government Gazette*.

The tables accompanying the last Report were considerably augmented by the insertion of an Appendix containing information bearing on the question of Federation, and, as it is unnecessary to repeat the information, the attention of those interested in the subject is drawn to that particular issue. The subjects treated of in that issue, and not in the current one, relate to the national origin of the Australian people; the relative adult populations of the various colonies; the estimated capital values of property proposed to be handed over to a Federal Government; the growth of the Public Debt, and the periods of issue of outstanding loans, in Victoria and New South Wales; interest saved by the renewal of existing loans by 3 per cent. stock at par on maturity; prices of Australian securities, and interest returned to investors therein in London, in 1897; Postal and Telegraphic rates; cost of maintenance of Defences; revenue and expenditure of Ports, Harbors, and Lights; Retail Drink Bill; also, in the body of the work (Table VIII.), the total and relative net proceeds realized on the sale of the existing securities for the Public Debt, and the *real*—as distinguished from the nominal—rate of interest payable on the existing Debt.

The special feature of the present issue is the introduction into the body of the work of tables showing the Present Value of Debentures and Stock held as security for the existing Debt (Table VIII.A); Loans authorized but not raised (Table VIII.B); the Government Trust Funds (Table XIV.); and the Consumption, absolute and relative, of six leading dutiable articles, viz., spirits, beer, wine, tobacco, tea, and sugar. Information relating to the three latter subjects, however, was also contained in the previous issue.

All the tables relating to the Public Debt have been brought on a year later than usual, viz., to the 30th June, 1898; whilst a special column in Table VIII. has been set apart for the Accumulated Sinking Funds, which amounted on the 30th June last to £1,468,436 for the colonies as a whole. In most cases the Sinking Funds consist, however, of merely nominal amounts—equivalent to only 3 per cent. of the total debt in Western Australia, 2 per cent. in Tasmania and New Zealand, and less than 1 per cent. in the other colonies—and with good reason, for it is somewhat illogical for these colonies to establish sinking funds at all, whilst their indebtedness is increasing. It seems as if the appropriate time to do so would be when borrowing had ceased; meanwhile, any surplus revenue could be much more economically utilized by direct investment in reproductive works (which Victoria has in past years adopted), thus saving, to that extent, the necessity for increasing the existing Debt.

An attempt was made in former issues (Table X.) to apportion outstanding loans to the various Public Works for which they were raised. This method has been discontinued in the present issue, owing to insuperable difficulties met with, but the actual expenditure from loans to date is set opposite to each work instead. Although a few colonies, like Victoria, ear-mark all their loans for certain specific purposes before raising them, the majority do not appear to apportion individual loans at all, but merely pay the proceeds into a General Loan Account, out of which payments are authorized for various works as required. Besides the actual expenditure, there are also shown the balances unexpended, and the net deficiency after flotation, the sum of which three items gives the total nominal debt, according to the neighbouring tables.



In Addenda A and B to Table IV. details are given, for the financial years, of the Customs revenue derived from the more important articles—especially alcoholic stimulants and tobacco; whilst the Addendum to Table VI. contains the expenditure under the leading heads for the latest available year.

The terms “Funded” and “Unfunded” Debt are used in these tables for the first time. Under the former are included all loans of a permanent or quasi-permanent character (including even temporary Treasury Bonds, when issued in aid of the construction of Public Works, and if redeemable on maturity by long-dated debentures or stock). Under the latter category are placed all loans—whether in the form of Treasury Bills or Bonds or Inscribed Stock (as in Tasmania)—of a temporary character, which it is intended shall be met on maturity by direct payments out of the consolidated revenue. Between the two classes of debt a distinct line is drawn; but only the Funded Debt is treated of in the great majority of the Debt tables.

The results in Table VIII.A were specially computed for this work, in order to indicate, as closely as possible, the true relative positions of the various colonies in regard to the matter of indebtedness, which the nominal debt does not. On the 30th June, 1898, the nominal Debt of the Australasian Colonies amounted to  $227\frac{2}{3}$  millions sterling, and the annual charge for interest to  $8\frac{2}{3}$  millions; whereas the actuarial equivalent of this in 3 per cent. stock of uniform currency was 253 millions, with an annual interest charge of  $7\frac{3}{5}$  millions. It should be pointed out, however, that the effective rate of interest assumed, viz., 3 per cent., is at present somewhat lower than the market rate for Australasian securities.

By the notes appended to Table XII., it will be noticed that some colonies have recently effected considerable savings in the annual cost of management of the Stock inscribed in London. Victoria now pays its bankers only £250 per million of stock inscribed per annum for such services, as compared with £436 per million previously; and South Australia has the same work transacted through the Agent-General's Office for only £100 per million, as compared with £250 per million formerly paid to its bankers.

Considerable labour has been involved in the preparation of these Statistics, owing to the necessity for the close perusal of Auditor-Generals' Reports, Treasurers' Finance Statements, and other Parliamentary Papers bearing on the subjects herein treated; and it is doubtful, owing to the time occupied, and the difficulty of getting comparative information respecting the different colonies, whether it will be possible to continue the publication in so elaborate a form in future.

The table relating to Fiji (Appendix A) now contains information for twenty years, and that for New Guinea (Appendix B) for nine years.

The usual summary of the assisted immigration into these colonies since 1850 will be found in Appendix C.

This being the twenty-fifth issue of these Statistics, the folding sheet at the commencement of the work now contains a summary of the principal items relating to each colony from 1873 to 1897; whilst in footnotes and addenda, in the body of the work, will be found many particulars for a later year.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JAMES J. FENTON,  
Assistant Government Statist.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1897.

TABLE I.—AREA AND ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1897 AND 1898.

Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles.*	On the 31st December, 1897.							Mean Popula- tion, 1897.	Population on 31st December, 1898.
		Population.			Number of—		Persons to the Square Mile.			
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males to 100 Females.	Females to 100 Males.				
Victoria .. .. .	87,884	595,409	580,839	1,176,248	102·51	97·55	13·38	1,172,790	1,175,460	
New South Wales .. .. .	309,175	709,360	614,100	1,323,460	115·51	86·57	4·28	1,310,550	1,346,240	
Queensland .. .. .	668,224	271,372	213,328	484,700	127·21	78·61	·72	478,440	498,533	
South Australia Proper .. .. .	379,805	183,920	174,304	358,224	105·52	94·77	·94	356,755	362,897	
Do., Northern Territory	523,620	4,418	402	4,820	1,099·00	9·10	·01	4,877	4,903	
Western Australia .. .. .	975,920	110,359	51,565	161,924	214·02	46·70	·17	155,749	168,129	
Total .. .. .	2,944,628	1,874,838	1,634,538	3,509,376	114·70	87·18	1·19	3,479,152	3,556,162	
Tasmania .. .. .	26,375	91,607	80,112	171,719	114·34	87·45	6·51	168,916	177,341	
New Zealand .. .. .	104,471	384,703	344,353	729,056	111·72	89·51	6·98	721,510	743,463	
Grand Total .. .. .	3,075,474	2,351,148	2,059,003	4,410,151	114·19	87·57	1·43	4,369,678	4,476,966	

NOTE.—Aborigines are not included, except in the case of Victoria, New South Wales, and Tasmania. In Queensland, in 1897, there were 8,248 Polynesians, 7,888 Chinese, 2,632 Japanese, 468 Javanese, and 912 other Asiatics.  
\* The areas here given, except in the case of New Zealand, are the results of planimetical calculations made in the office of the Surveyor-General, Melbourne, and the results agree closely with the figures furnished officially by the various colonies. The official figures for four of the colonies which differ from those given above, are as follow :—New South Wales, 306,066; Queensland, 668,497; South Australia (proper), 380,070; Tasmania, 26,215 square miles.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1897.

Name of Colony.	Births of—			Deaths of—			Marriages *	Per 1,000 of Mean Popu- lation.			Excess of Births over Deaths.		Males to 100 Females.	
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages *	Numeri- cal.	Per cent.	Born.	Died.
Victoria .. ..	16,013	15,297	31,310	8,534	6,592	15,126	7,568	26·70	12·90	6·45	16,184	106·99	104·68	129·46
New South Wales .. ..	18,989	18,258	37,247	8,314	5,950	14,264	8,813	28·42	10·88	6·72	22,983	161·13	104·00	139·73
Queensland .. ..	7,277	7,036	14,313	3,483	1,940	5,423	2,894	29·92	11·33	6·05	8,890	163·93	103·43	179·53
South Australia Proper	4,881	4,654	9,535	2,192	1,781	3,973	1,949	26·73	11·14	5·46	5,562	140·00	104·88	123·08
Do., Northern Territory	16	11	27	64	7	71	4	5·54	14·56	·82	— 44 a	— 161·37 a	145·45	914·28
Western Australia ..	2,036	1,985	4,021	1,825	818	2,643	1,659	25·82	16·96	10·65	1,378	52·14	102·57	223·10
Total .. ..	49,212	47,241	96,453	24,412	17,088	41,500	22,887	27·72	11·93	6·58	54,953	132·42	104·17	142·86
Tasmania .. ..	2,483	2,200	4,683	1,116	831	1,947	1,052	27·72	11·53	6·23	2,736	140·52	112·86	134·30
New Zealand .. ..	9,600	9,137	18,737	3,787	2,808	6,595	4,928	25·97	9·13	6·83	12,142	184·11	105·07	134·87
Grand Total ..	61,295	58,578	119,873	29,315	20,727	50,042	28,867	27·43	11·45	6·61	69,831	159·54	104·64	141·43

\* The numbers in these two columns doubled give the total number of persons married and the number married in proportion to every thousand of the mean population.  
a Excess of deaths over births.

TABLE III.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION BY SEA, 1897.  
(As Recorded.)

Name of Colony.	Number of Immigrants.			Number of Emigrants.*			Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants.†		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria .. .. .	63,123	27,724	90,847	64,706	32,595	97,301	— 1,583	— 4,871	— 6,454
New South Wales .. .. .	46,507	20,509	67,016	40,073	20,337	60,410	6,434	172	6,606
Queensland .. .. .	14,411	5,204	19,615	11,368	4,392	15,760	3,043	812	3,855
South Australia Proper	42,884	15,048	57,932	42,463	16,285	58,748	421	— 1,237	— 816
Do., Northern Territory	446	95	541	494	117	611	— 48	— 22	— 70
Western Australia .. .. .	35,181	14,206	49,387	21,985	4,802	26,787	13,196	9,404	22,600
Total .. .. .	202,552	82,786	285,338	181,089	78,528	259,617	21,463	4,258	25,721
Tasmania .. .. .	12,647	8,088	20,735	10,000	6,693	16,693	2,647	1,395	4,042
New Zealand .. .. .	12,153	6,439	18,592	10,250	5,590	15,840	1,903	849	2,752
Grand Total .. .. .	225,824	99,127	324,665	199,923	92,512	292,150	26,013 1	6,502 1	32,515 1

NOTE.—The numbers of assisted and free immigrants were as follow :—New South Wales, 14 males, 21 females, total 35; Western Australia, 40 males, 140 females, total 180; total Australasia, 54 males, 161 females, total 215. In 1898, the excess of immigrants over emigrants was as follows :—New South Wales, 9,794; Queensland, 5,630; South Australia Proper, 714; Northern Territory, 115; Western Australia, 3,953; Tasmania, 4,752; New Zealand, 2,696. In Victoria the emigrants exceeded the immigrants by 3,789.  
\* The figures in these columns generally understate the truth. Many persons leave all the colonies by sea without their departure being noted. The following is the estimated unrecorded emigration by sea during the year in the colonies named :—Victoria, 8,426; New South Wales, 2,335; South Australia (including by rail), 1,414; Tasmania, 1,167. In two of the colonies the overland migration was also separately estimated, the net results being as follow :—New South Wales, net emigration, 1,434; Queensland, net emigration, 224. Such information has not been estimated for Victoria, as the returns available have been considered as only misleading.  
† In consequence of the emigration returns being defective, the figures in these columns are too high, except where the minus sign (—) appears, when the figures are too low.  
1 Net figures. In the United Kingdom in 1897, according to Imperial returns, the number of departures for the Australasian colonies was 12,396, and the number of arrivals therefrom was 7,702. The excess in favour of departures was thus 4,694, or about one-seventh of the excess of immigrants over emigrants shown in the table.



TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1896-7.\*

Name of Colony.				Taxation.						Crown Lands Revenue.					
				Customs Duties, &c.†	Excise Duties.	Land Tax.	Income Tax.‡	Stamps.			Business Licences and other Taxes.§	Sales (including progress payments).	Rents of Pastoral Lands.	Rents of Mineral Lands, &c.	Other.
								Probate and Succession Duties.	Duties on Bank Notes.	Other Stamp Duties.					
				£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Victoria	...	...	...	1,759,380	294,746	115,524	179,301	86,906	19,128	153,500 1	36,702	306,085	49,592	26,283	31,290
New South Wales	...	...	...	1,253,827	277,137	139,079	279,753	142,444	23,677	163,946	116,649	1,109,973	701,626	42,473	44,762
Queensland	...	...	...	1,203,207	62,439	...	57,234	... 2	... 2	114,929	62,535	142,219	343,540	28,680	...
South Australia Proper	...	...	...	558,322	36,572	75,084	84,855	100,259	... 2	28,597	20,955	35,986	50,399	1,651	77,250
Do., Northern Territory	...	...	...	34,913	...	298	708	... 3	... 3	150	362	70	9,346	2,600	215
Western Australia	...	...	...	1,087,257	...	...	...	... 2	... 2	74,968	22,777	103,262	67,553	212,408	14,311
Total	...	...	...	5,896,906	670,894	329,985	601,851	329,609	42,805	536,090	259,980	1,697,595	1,222,056	314,095	167,828
Tasmania	...	...	...	351,849	19,366	37,541	35,776	8,482	...	18,351	25,107	35,576	4,781	24,333	...
New Zealand	...	...	...	1,818,972	68,787	272,372	105,504	... 2	... 2	256,275 1	...	109,521	179,307	69,197	...
Grand Total	...	...	...	8,067,727	759,047	639,898	743,131	338,091	42,805	810,716	285,087	1,842,692	1,406,144	407,625	167,828

Name of Colony.				Reproductive Public Works.				Other Sources.				
				Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply.		Post and Money Order Office.	Telegraphs and Telephones.	Fines, Fees, and Forfeitures. ¶	Interest.	Pilotage, Harbor, and Light Rates.**	Miscellaneous.††
					Interest from Local Bodies.	Other.						
				£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria	...	...	...	2,597,255	146,346	35,284 4	376,722 1	146,019	88,315 1	25,350	...	156,489
New South Wales	...	...	...	3,334,316 5	10,593	281,800	508,954	192,105	112,429	18,864	56,125	296,676
Queensland	...	...	...	1,136,861	...	...	164,066	75,269	25,143	150,399	17,309	29,320
South Australia Proper	...	...	...	1,020,925	2,730	95,918	130,766	128,989	44,588	44,474	24,471	65,258
Do., Northern Territory	...	...	...	17,984	...	...	970	... 3	308	...	968	1,818
Western Australia	...	...	...	939,146	...	21,456	100,434	107,906	36,987	6,933	18,909	28,444
Total	...	...	...	9,046,487	159,669	434,458	1,281,912	650,288	307,770	246,020	117,782	578,005
Tasmania	...	...	...	169,503	...	...	58,100	19,037	17,611	6,372	...	13,235
New Zealand	...	...	...	1,287,140	...	...	262,482 1	129,635	82,830 1	...	21,204	62,573
Grand Total	..	...	...	10,503,130	159,669	434,458	1,602,494	798,960	408,211	252,392	138,986	653,813

\* Year ended 30th June, 1897, except in the cases of Tasmania and New Zealand, the figures for the former being for the calendar year 1897, and those for the latter for the year ended 31st March, 1897.

† For details see Addendum A, *post*. Duties were largely remitted in New South Wales during the year—which were partly replaced by Land and Income Taxes.

‡ Including dividend tax (the whole amount shown) in Queensland; Absentee tax, £3,009, in South Australia; and Companies tax, £2,947, in Tasmania.

§ Including publicans' licence-fees—£94,546 in New South Wales, £32,272 in Queensland, £17,920 in Western Australia, and £9,848 in Tasmania; in Victoria such fees, amounting to £102,648, are first paid into a special fund, and are subsequently, for the most part, handed over to the municipalities.

|| In New South Wales, Queensland (in the case of letters only), South Australia, and Western Australia the values of official letters and telegrams are included as postal and telegraphic revenue, a practice not followed in Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand; hence the postal revenues of those colonies are higher than would otherwise be the case. For amounts so included see Table XXII., *post*.

¶ The following items are included in account of Insolvency and Patents, &c.—*Insolvency*—Victoria, £3,499 (average about £5,000); New South Wales, £4,891; Queensland, £388; South Australia, £850; Western Australia, £955. *Patents, Copyrights, &c.*—Victoria, £4,109; New South Wales, £3,967; Queensland, £2,547; South Australia, £1,627; Tasmania, £1,256; New Zealand, £2,743.

\*\* See footnote †† on page 16, *post*.

†† Including *Rents* (exclusive of lands) as follow:—Victoria, £2,860; New South Wales, £71,579; South Australia, £2,261; Western Australia, £2,698; Tasmania, £2,767; also *Mint receipts, &c.*—Victoria, £23,078 (including £3,665 subsidy returned); New South Wales, £14,021 (including £1,114 subsidy returned); also *Public School fees*—New South Wales, £74,406 and South Australia, £2,661; also *Loans to Sugar Mills repaid* in Queensland, £1,937.

[For other footnotes see next page.]



TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1896-7—continued.

Name of Colony.	Summary of Revenue from—					Proportion derived from—				Per Head of Population.				
	Taxation.	Land.	Reproductive Works.	Other Sources.	TOTAL REVENUE.	Taxation.	Land.	Reproductive Works.	Other Sources.	Taxation.	Land.	Reproductive Works.	Other Sources.	Total Revenue.
	£	£	£	£		per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ... ..	2,645,187	413,250	3,301,626	270,154	6,630,217	39·90	6·23	49·80	4·07	2 5 0	0 7 0	2 16 3	0 4 7	5 12 10
New South Wales ... ..	2,396,512	1,898,834	4,327,768	484,094	9,107,208	26·31	20·85	47·52	5·32	1 16 11	1 9 3	3 6 8	0 7 6	7 0 4
Queensland ... ..	1,500,344	514,439	1,376,196	222,171	3,613,150	41·52	14·24	38·09	6·15	3 3 7	1 1 9	2 18 3	0 9 5	7 13 0
South Australia Proper ... ..	904,644	165,286	1,379,328	178,791	2,628,049	34·42	6·29	52·49	6·80	2 10 11	0 9 3	3 17 8	0 10 1	7 7 11
Do., Northern Territory ... ..	36,431	12,231	18,954	3,094	70,710	51·52	17·30	26·80	4·38	7 7 8	2 9 7	3 16 10	0 12 6	14 6 7
Western Australia ... ..	1,185,002	397,534	1,168,942	91,273	2,842,751	41·69	13·98	41·12	3·21	8 11 10	2 17 7	8 9 6	0 13 3	20 12 2
Total ... ..	8,668,120	3,401,574	11,572,814	1,249,577	24,892,085	34·82	13·67	46·49	5·02	2 10 4	0 19 9	3 7 3	0 7 3	7 4 7
Tasmania ... ..	496,472	64,690	246,640	37,218	845,020	58·75	7·66	29·19	4·40	2 18 9	0 7 8	1 9 2	0 4 5	5 0 0
New Zealand ... ..	2,521,910	358,025	1,679,257	166,607	4,725,799	53·36	7·58	35·53	3·53	3 10 8	0 10 0	2 7 0	0 4 8	6 12 4
Grand Total ... ..	11,686,502	3,824,289	13,498,711	1,453,402	30,462,904	38·36	12·56	44·31	4·77	2 14 0	0 17 8	3 2 5	0 6 9	7 0 10

NOTE.—Refunds of revenue, drawbacks, and such similar entries are excluded from the accounts of revenue and expenditure of Victoria, New South Wales (although some book entries are still included in that colony), and New Zealand, but are included in those of some of the other colonies. In comparing the revenue and expenditure under various heads in different colonies, the fact must not be overlooked that local or municipal government is more fully developed in some colonies (notably Victoria, Queensland, and New Zealand) than in others, and the revenue and expenditure in the former are lower in consequence. In Victoria and Queensland, almost the whole colony is under municipal government, and there are several boards and trusts besides; whereas in New South Wales, for example, only a very small proportion of the area has been locally administered. It is also to be noted that in Victoria the metropolitan tramways are in the hands of a public company, and the metropolitan water supply and sewerage and harbor works are under boards or trusts; whereas in New South Wales all of these are either directly or indirectly under Government.

<sup>1</sup> The proportion of the revenue of Victoria and New Zealand derived from “stamp duties,” “post office,” and fines, fees, &c., has been roughly estimated, there being no means of obtaining the exact figures.

<sup>2</sup> Included with “Other Stamp Duties.”

<sup>3</sup> Included under “South Australia Proper.”

<sup>4</sup> Excluding revenue from metropolitan water supply and sewerage works receivable by the Board of Works, £69,622 (net, less interest paid to Government).

<sup>5</sup> Including tramways (steam), £306,920; also £15,000 credited for free passes to Members of Parliament and distinguished visitors. No credit is taken in Victoria and some of the other colonies for the latter services.

ADDENDUM A.—DETAILS OF CUSTOMS REVENUE, 1896-7.

(So far as available.)

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	Western Australia.†	Tasmania.
	£	£	£	£	£
Customs Duty—					
Beer, wine, and spirits ..	411,699	748,612	300,754	313,109	56,751
Tobacco .. ..	222,197	257,107	147,754	126,502	49,703
Opium .. ..	9,627	16,848	26,000†	2,863	383
Hops and malt .. ..	12,394	..	46,300†	17,362	757
Tea .. ..	99,867	..	87,452†	..	11,271
Sugar .. ..	254,518	126,869	1,075	..	40,519
Fruits and vegetables ..	46,422	62,959	..	42,419	8,573
Other articles .. ..	671,953	61,134	589,852	575,411	188,217
Export duty .. ..	..	..	4,020	..	..
Total Customs duty ..	1,728,677	1,273,529§	1,203,207	1,077,666	356,174§
		1,246,641			350,948
Wharfage rates .. ..	30,703	..	..	..	..
Bonded warehouse .. ..	..	..	..	6,493	..
Queen's warehouse .. ..	..	7,145	..	..	..
Store charges and portorage ..	..	41	..	3,098	..
Other .. ..	..	..	..	..	901
Total Customs, &c. ..	1,759,380	1,253,827	1,203,207	1,087,257	351,849

\* Included with other articles.

† Approximate.

‡ Including coffee, cocoa, and chicory.

§ Gross. The net figures are shown in the next line.

ADDENDUM B.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1897-8.

Sources.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania (1898).	New Zealand.	Grand Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation—								
Customs, &c.* ..	1,840,404	1,245,433	1,210,292	538,842	1,017,724	404,000	1,935,252	8,191,947
Excise .. ..	301,318	291,343	115,245	36,408	..	21,000	72,179	837,493
Other .. ..	768,515	974,026	234,108	278,349	96,602	72,200	671,145	3,094,945
Total .. ..	2,910,237	2,510,802	1,559,645	853,599	1,114,326	497,200	2,678,576	12,124,385
Land—								
Sales (including interest)	284,803	1,217,123	163,910	38,227	..	35,300	92,578	..
Occupation .. ..	100,715	749,402	396,746	141,047	..	46,750	239,844	..
Total .. ..	385,518	1,966,525	560,676	179,274	256,373a	82,050	332,422	3,762,838
Railways .. ..	2,602,547	{ 3,020,834 }	1,158,657	987,745	1,035,199	175,000	1,370,572	10,666,069
		{ 315,515b }						
Posts and telegraphs ..	526,400	728,135	258,939	254,883	220,912	100,750	406,848	2,496,867
Miscellaneous .. ..	462,761	762,438	230,235	291,110	127,937	58,275	290,812	2,223,568
Total .. ..	6,887,463	9,304,249	3,768,152	2,566,611	2,754,747	913,275	5,079,230	31,273,727

a Including general mining revenue, £87,401.—b Tramways.

\* Of which the following amounts of duty were derived from stimulants and narcotics in the colonies named :—

	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
Spirits, wine, and beer ..	£433,269	£752,956	£321,728	£95,446	£307,399	£63,850
Tobacco .. ..	228,091	295,182	163,456	64,116	136,800	54,200
Opium .. ..	8,899	..	23,775	375	2,734	383 (1897)
Malt and hops .. ..	12,393	..	43,635	9,730	20,488	750
Total .. ..	682,562	1,048,138 (gross)	552,594	169,667 (gross)	467,412	119,183

TABLE V.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1897.\*

Name of Colony.	Customs Duties.	Alcoholic Liquors and Materials Therefor.					Narcotics.		Foods and Non-Alcoholic Beverages.								
		Spirits.	Wine.	Beer.	Hops.	Malt.	Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff.	Opium.	Sugar and Molasses.	Fruits, Vegetables, &c. (Fresh and Preserved).¶	Tea.	Grain and Pulse, Flour, &c. (other than Rice).	Rice.	Butter and Cheese.	Fish (Fresh and Preserved).	Salt.	Coffee, Chicory, Cocoa, and Chocolate.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ... ..	...	370,487	15,797	28,186	10,362	20	227,332	9,215	300,707	66,908	116,079	10,170	19,788	1,908	27,745	9,159	5,044
New South Wales ... ..	...	641,768	22,786	56,760	...	...	265,425	17,248	128,278	66,897	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Queensland ... ..	...	257,678	13,785	27,322	12,292	34,038	151,373	26,007	1,124	55,169	81,668	43,178	33,192	3,210	12,018	...	5,339
South Australia Proper ... ..	...	78,416	3,197	10,911	5,561	5,619	64,605	352	47,273	22,517	34,190	17,278	2,524	5,948	8,147	171	6,786
Do., Northern Territory	...	7,386	90	709	6	1	3,755	7,543	597	694	909	164	6,121	120	123	41	28
Western Australia ... ..	...	228,615	27,101	69,257	4,309	15,231	134,266	2,775	...	45,460	...	75,185	...	44,700	7,094	1,227	991
Total ... ..	...	1,584,350	82,756	193,145	32,530	54,909	846,756	63,140	477,979	257,645	232,846	145,975	61,625	55,886	55,127	10,598	18,188
Tasmania ... ..	...	48,848	4,779	3,403	653	104	49,703	383	41,451	9,380	11,271	2,240	3,973	3,482	50	1,885	1,825
New Zealand ... ..	...	399,961	30,518	19,066	3,184	231	310,016	5,625	148,852	60,980	77,039	571	15,951	4	12,894	6,140	5,732
Grand Total ... ..	...	2,033,159	118,053	215,614	36,367	55,244	1,206,475	69,148	668,282	328,005	321,156	148,786	81,549	59,372	68,071	18,623	25,745

Name of Colony.	Customs Duties.	Textile Fabrics and Dress.										Miscellaneous.				
		Woollen and Worsted Manufactures.‡	Cotton and Linen Manufactures.	Silk Manufactures.	Bags and Sacks.	Hosiery.	Apparel and Slops.	Hats, Caps, and Bonnets.	Gloves.	Boots and Shoes.	Drapery and Haberdashery.†	All Other.	Kerosene Oil.	Live Stock.	Machinery, Tools, and Implements.§	Timber.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ... ..	...	92,634	1,593	36,693	491	20,181	46,079	19,872	12,742	10,352	...	5,401	...	60,359	22,287	23,129
New South Wales ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,978	...	...	...
Queensland ... ..	...	25,872	14,213	2,246	1,357	9,491	28,392	9,625	3,697	9,543	19,874	2,143	37,451	...	7,362	1,916
South Australia Proper ... ..	...	15,454	18	...	...	4,890	31,091	7,836	...	11,243	24,743	1,924	13,229	21,312	12,823	9,080
Do., Northern Territory	...	90	9	...	...	...	252	...	...	294	354	15	167	...	73	76
Western Australia ... ..	...	2,719 c	1,075	...	...	...	25,821	3,190	...	16,955	44,431	176	...	40,608	3,971	25,115
Total ... ..	...	136,769	16,908	38,939	1,848	34,562	131,635	40,523	16,439	48,387	89,402	9,659	61,825	122,279	46,516	59,316
Tasmania ... ..	...	1,304 b	...	...	604	.. a	...	...	...	6,565	65,491	...	6,169	2,753	7,737	2,911
New Zealand ... ..	...	66,417	31,836	18,540	68	16,811	90,745	15,876	...	27,346	55,817	29,322 d	53,401	856	21,965	4,333
Grand Total ... ..	...	204,490	48,744	57,479	2,520	51,373	222,380	56,399	16,439	82,298	210,710	38,981	121,395	125,888	76,218	66,560

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TABLE V.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1897\*—continued.

Name of Colony.	Customs Duties.	Miscellaneous—continued.									All other Articles. 	Total Customs Duties (Gross).
		Medicines and Drugs.	Oil (other than Kerosene).	Hay and Chaff.	Soap.	Candles.	Cement.	Matches and Vestas.	Furniture and Upholstery.	Bottles.		
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ... ..	...	13,061	13,110	...	6,235	1,615	6,326	6,032	6,426	12,363	239,281	1,875,169
New South Wales ... ..	...	...	2,651	...	...	7,768	...	...	...	...	29,617	1,250,176
Queensland ... ..	...	12,029	13,230	4,656	1,659	2,391	6,057	4,163	5,649	238	196,698e	1,177,345
South Australia Proper ... ..	...	8,723	5,827	3,642	1,217	1,883	708	1,277	5,860	...	131,832	628,107
Do., Northern Territory ... ..	...	128	457	46	1	31	101	78	116	...	2,660	33,235
Western Australia ... ..	...	8,986	544	17,872	3,214	4,818	4,734	1,614	10,144	567	192,234	1,064,999
Total ... ..	...	42,927	35,819	26,216	12,326	18,506	17,926	13,164	28,195	13,168	792,322	6,029,031
Tasmania ... ..	...	5,409	3,543	...	873	1,362	1,186	526	2,232	196	63,883	356,174
New Zealand ... ..	...	35,825	16,324	...	5,415	17,272	8,102	4,964	7,438	...	302,702e	1,928,139
Grand Total ... ..	...	84,161	55,686	26,216	18,614	37,140	27,214	18,654	37,865	13,364	1,158,907	8,313,344

  

Name of Colony.	Gross Excise Duty on—			Drawbacks, Rebates, and Refunds.**		Revenue proper (i.e., less Drawbacks, Refunds, &c.).				Net Revenue per Head of Population.		
	Spirits.	Beer.	Tobacco.	Customs.	Excise.	Customs Duties.	Excise Duties.	Miscellaneous. g	Total.	Customs Duties.	Excise Duties.	Total (including Miscellaneous).
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ... ..	81,517	160,180	55,235	146,039	69	1,729,130	296,863	17,341	2,043,334	1 9 5	0 5 1	1 14 10
New South Wales ... ..	5,025	135,080	141,370	11,092	1,566	1,239,084	279,909	9,814	1,528,807	0 18 10	0 4 3	1 3 4
Queensland ... ..	32,152	22,367	29,676	14,961	43	1,162,384e	84,152	7,634	1,254,170	2 8 7	0 3 6	2 12 5
South Australia Proper ... ..	11,347	24,827	...	85,134	...	542,973	36,174	5,995	585,142	1 10 5	0 2 0	1 12 9
Do., Northern Territory ... ..	...	...	...	26	...	33,209	...	...	33,209	6 16 2	...	6 16 2
Western Australia ... ..	...	...	...	2,882	...	1,062,117	...	14,212	1,076,329	6 16 5	...	6 18 3
Total ... ..	130,041	342,454	226,281	260,134	1,678	5,768,897	697,098	54,996	6,520,991	1 13 2	0 4 0	1 17 6
Tasmania ... ..	...	19,367	...	5,226	...	350,948	19,367	901	371,216	2 1 6	0 2 4	2 4 0
New Zealand ... ..	983f	71,765	2,549	5,430	...	1,922,709e	75,297	10,527	2,008,533	2 13 3	0 2 1	2 15 8
Grand Total ... ..	131,024	433,586	228,830	270,790	1,678	8,042,554	791,762	66,424	8,900,740	1 16 10	0 3 7	2 0 9

[For footnotes, see next page.]



NOTE.—The headings in this table are of a comprehensive nature, similar articles being, as far as possible, embraced under each in the various colonies.

\* All the figures in this table relate to the calendar year.

† The indefinite term of "Drapery, &c.," which figures so largely in the returns of all the other colonies, is not used in Victoria; the articles embraced thereunder being distributed under more specific heads. Hence this circumstance must be borne in mind when comparing the figures under this and the following heads:—Woolens, Silks, Hosiery, Gloves, and Cotton and Linen Manufactures.

‡ Including blankets, carpeting, flannels, rugs, woollen piece goods and manufactures, and yarn.

§ Including steam boilers and engines, cream separators, cutlery, tools and implements, machinery—agricultural, spinning and weaving, &c., and sewing machines.

|| The principal items included under this head in the colonies named are as follow:—In *Victoria*—Bicycles (parts free) £15,077, paper £12,847, plated ware £9,351, musical instruments £10,297, soap £6,235, jewellery £6,633, woodenware £6,722, and fancy goods £6,158. In *South Australia*—Manufactures of metal £11,382, bicycles £14,977, stationery £5,058, fancy goods £5,231, paper £3,730, and plate and plated ware £3,191. In *Western Australia*—Bacon £28,660, hardware and ironmongery £11,628, meats (preserved and salted) £35,705, bicycles £10,282, and milk preserved £10,651, and stationery, £6,766. In *Tasmania*—Hardware £10,702, coal £5,702, earthenware £2,724, and galvanized iron £2,134. In *New Zealand*—Hardware £38,403, iron and steel £24,930, bicycles £30,279, musical instruments £13,267, earthenware £10,644, and glassware £5,200.

\* Including jams, pickles, onions, and potatoes.

\*\* In the case of *Victoria*, the item under this head is made up of drawbacks £104,970, and rebates and refunds (chiefly for sugar) £41,069, the principal articles affected being sugar (rebate £35,733 included) £39,017, dried fruits, &c., £5,364, tea £19,379, woolens, &c., £7,492, silks £3,338, hats, &c., £2,584, machinery and tools £5,514, fancy soap £4,030, all other articles £59,321. *New South Wales*—Sugar £2,616, dried fruits £3,321, and ale and beer £1,264. *Queensland*—Iron £977.

a Included under "Drapery."—b Chiefly included under "All other Articles."—c Carpets and rugs only.—d Including feathers valued at £8,037, umbrellas £3,150, and textile piece goods £4,541.—e Including export duty, viz.:—In *Queensland*—£556 on cedar, and £1,424 (border tax) on wool; and in *New Zealand*—£10,548 on gold.—f Pharmacopœia tinctures, extracts, &c.

g Embracing the following items, except in regard to Western Australia and Tasmania, for which the particulars are not available:—

#### ITEMS OF MISCELLANEOUS CUSTOMS REVENUE.

Item.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		New Zealand.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Licences to manufacture Tobacco .. ..	1,461	1,123	..	..	..	..
" Distillation, &c. .. ..	461	632	..	545	..	48
" Carriers and Carters .. ..	..	..	513	101	..	..
" Boats and Lighters .. ..	842	..	..	..	..	..
Licence-Fees for Bonded Warehouses .. ..	..	6,978	..	..	..	..
Rent—Queen's Warehouses—Bonded Store-keepers .. ..	3,417	16	7,121	1,515	..	5,291
" Customs Agents .. ..	75	..	..	20	..	..
Officers' Services and Clerical Assistance .. ..	4,597	8	..	..	..	..
Fees .. ..	5,572	669	..	2,453	..	..
Fines and Forfeitures .. ..	760	..	..	1,151	..	725
Sundries .. ..	156	388	..	210	..	4,463
Total .. ..	17,341	9,814	7,634	5,995	..	10,527

#### ADDENDUM.—NET REVENUE FROM CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES, 1898.

Colony.	Net Revenue.			Per Head.	
	Customs.	Excise.	Total.	Customs.	Excise.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	s. d.
Victoria .. ..	1,940,402	313,008	2,253,410	1 13 1	5 4
New South Wales .. ..	1,259,487	301,509	1,560,996	0 18 10	4 6
Queensland .. ..	1,287,062	139,684	1,426,746	2 12 2	5 8
South Australia Proper .. ..	550,707	36,966	587,673	1 10 9	2 1
Do., Northern Territory .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
Western Australia .. ..	914,476	10,199	924,675	5 8 7	1 2
Tasmania .. ..	405,881	21,181	427,062	2 6 11	2 5
Total Six Colonies .. ..	6,358,015	822,547	7,180,562	1 14 4	4 5

NOTE.—These figures are exclusive of miscellaneous collections, and are liable to future correction.

#### Va.—COST OF COLLECTION OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE, 1897.

Colony.	Amount.	Percentage of Net Customs and Excise Duty.
	£	£ s. d.
Victoria .. ..	65,806	3 4 11
New South Wales (1896-7) .. ..	53,037	3 9 3
Queensland .. ..	49,059	3 18 8
South Australia Proper .. ..	23,046	3 10 7
Do., Northern Territory .. ..	2,566	8 18 7
Western Australia .. ..	37,966	3 11 6
Tasmania .. ..	6,932	1 17 4
New Zealand (1896-7) .. ..	30,506	1 10 7
Total .. ..	269,318	3 0 11

NOTE.—The cost of collection must be deducted from the net revenue, as shown in Table V., to indicate the net yield. In *Victoria* the cost of collecting Border duties in 1896-7 was £5,140, or 6.46 per cent. of the revenue collected (£79,620).

#### Vb.—RATES OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTY ON SPIRITS, BEER, AND TOBACCO, DECEMBER, 1897.

Article.	Victoria.		New South Wales.		Queensland.		South Australia.		Western Australia.		Tasmania.		New Zealand.	
	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Spirits .. .. per proof gallon	12 0	10 0*	14 0	14 0	14 0	12 0	15 0	9 4	16 0	..	15 0	..	16 0	..
Beer in wood .. .. per gallon	0 10	0 3†	0 6	0 3	1/3 & 1/3	0 3	1 2	0 2	1 3	..	1 0	..	2 0	0 3
" in bottle .. ..	1 3	0 9	0 9	0 3	1/3 & 1/6	0 3	1 6	0 2	1 6	..	1 6	0 4	2 0	0 3
" Lager .. ..	1 6	0 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tobacco Manufactured .. .. per lb.	3 0	0 9	3 0	1 3	4 0	1 0	2 9	..	3 0	..	3 0	..	3 6	1 0
" Cigars .. ..	6 0	0 9	6 0	2 6	6 0	2 0	6 3	..	6 0	..	7 0	..	7 0	1 6
" Cigarettes .. ..	6 0	1 6	6 0	2 6	6 0	2 0	..	..	6 0	..	7 0	..	17 6†	1 6
" Unmanufactured .. ..	1 0	..	1 0	..	2 0	..	1 7½	..	1 10½	..	3 6	..	2 0	..
" Snuff .. ..	3 0	0 9	3 0	..	5 0	1 0	6 0	..	6 0	..	6 0	..	7 0	1 6

\* Excluding grape brandy and pure malt whisky, which are only 8s.—† If manufactured from malt and hops, 2d.—‡ Per 1,000, if weight does not exceed 2½ lbs.; and for all weight in excess of 2½ lbs. per 1,000, 6d. per oz.

TABLE VI.—GENERAL EXPENDITURE, 1896-7.\*  
(Exclusive of Loan Expenditure.)

Name of Colony.	General Administration.†	Defences (Naval and Military).	Crown Lands.			Public Instruction, Science, &c.	Charitable Institutions, Medical, &c.	Public Works and Services.				Interest on Savings Banks Deposits.	Public Debt. (Raised chiefly for Public Works.)		Customs and Excise.	Ports and Harbors. ††	Miscellaneous. ‡‡	Total.
			Administration and Survey.	Agriculture and Grazing.‡	Mining.			Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply, Irrigation, and Sewerage §	General Public Works. ¶	Posts and Telegraphs (Working Expenses). ¶¶		Interest and Expenses.**	Redemption of Loans.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	993,270	181,649	58,034	77,893	53,316	568,357	263,723	1,476,696	13,987	237,565	493,455	87,055	1,892,092	...	66,112	27,099	78,629	6,568,932
New South Wales	1,174,221	215,954	292,064	85,575	66,909	717,793	326,555	1,827,748	101,766	748,397	706,093	67,842	2,307,204	115,810 <sup>1</sup>	55,198	61,204	270,017	9,140,350 <sup>2</sup>
Queensland ...	467,510	68,512	54,703	55,720	21,845	209,589	148,492	682,646	2,954	145,437	308,041	...	1,263,659	...	49,285	68,672	57,199	3,604,264
Sth. Australia Proper	232,487	30,468	51,768	33,936	3,535	156,643	85,950	622,271	21,843	118,303	199,022	...	893,418	54,407	22,822	16,007	92,980	2,635,860
" " North-ern Territory	12,263	...	534	5,395	6,969	266	2,119	17,331	464	3,289	4,211	...	79,129	4,165	3,906	283	2,926	143,250
Western Australia	227,902	26,075	52,227	14,332	112,464	59,965	108,556	580,147	71,678	733,801	313,203	17,334	213,254	37,918	34,635	16,943	219,019	2,839,453
Total ...	3,107,653	522,658	509,330	272,851	265,038	1,712,613	935,395	5,206,839	212,692	1,986,792	2,024,025	172,231	6,648,756	212,300	231,958	190,208	720,770	24,932,109
Tasmania ...	87,779	10,047	5,215	2,610	4,857	41,966	41,131	128,573	...	35,462	65,268	...	322,738	438	6,932	...	32,010	785,026
New Zealand ...	436,549	88,742	115,247	52,506	17,752	461,582	137,802	776,748	...	419,558	352,386	...	1,639,169	...	32,592	58,478	44,870	4,633,981 <sup>3</sup>
Grand Total	3,631,981	621,447	629,792	327,967	287,647	2,216,161	1,114,328	6,112,160	212,692	2,441,812	2,441,679	172,231	8,610,663	212,738	271,482	248,686	797,650	30,351,116

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Total Expenditure incurred for—									Total Expenditure per Head.
	General Administration and Defences.	Crown Lands.	Public Instruction and Science.	Charitable Institutions, Medical, &c.	Public Works and Services. <sup>1</sup>			Public Debt Charges.	All other.	
					Railways and Tramways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Other.			
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.
Victoria ... ..	17.88	2.88	8.65	4.02	22.49	7.51	3.83	28.80	3.94	5 11 9
New South Wales ... ..	15.21	4.86	7.85	3.57	20.00	7.73	9.30	26.51	4.97	7 0 11
Queensland ... ..	14.86	3.66	5.82	4.12	18.94	8.55	4.11	35.08	4.86	7 12 8
South Australia Proper ... ..	9.98	3.39	5.94	3.26	23.60	7.55	5.32	35.95	5.01	7 8 5
” ” Northern Territory ... ..	8.56	9.01	.19	1.48	12.08	2.95	2.63	58.13	4.97	29 0 8
Western Australia ... ..	8.94	6.30	2.10	3.82	20.45	11.04	28.37	8.84	10.14	20 11 8
Total ... ..	14.56	4.20	6.87	3.75	20.88	8.12	8.82	27.52	5.28	7 4 0
Tasmania ... ..	12.46	1.62	5.34	5.24	16.39	8.31	4.51	41.17	4.96	4 12 11
New Zealand ... ..	11.34	4.00	9.96	2.97	16.76	7.61	9.05	35.37	2.94	6 9 9
Grand Total ... ..	14.01	4.10	7.30	3.67	20.14	8.05	8.75	29.07	4.91	7 0 4

[For footnotes, see next page.]



## NOTES.—GENERAL EXPENDITURE.

\* For years to which the figures relate see footnote \*, Table IV.

† GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.—Consisting of cost of Legislature, Civil, Judicial, and Legal Establishments, and Police and Gaols; also State aid to religion (if any); and all pensions payable out of the general revenue. The payments as State aid to religion were as follow:—£6,727 in New South Wales, £17,715 (including compensation) in Western Australia, and £175 in Tasmania. The amount for New South Wales does not include pensions and gratuities, to the extent of about £120,451, which was paid out of the Civil Service Superannuation Account, to which the officers contributed about £32,000 (£67,000 in 1895-6?) or at the rate of 4 per cent. of salaries; the balance at credit of the fund at the end of the year was £450,000. The following items are also included:—*Patent and Copyright Offices*—Victoria, £2,281; New South Wales, £1,355; Queensland, £1,829; South Australia, £401; Western Australia, £798. *Insolvency* (Metropolitan Courts only)—Victoria, £2,800 (about); New South Wales, £2,406; Queensland, £2,452; South Australia, £2,241; Western Australia, £1,789. *Astronomer*—Victoria, £2,276; New South Wales, £3,896; Queensland, £1,799; South Australia, £190; Western Australia, £2,583.

‡ AGRICULTURE, ETC.—Including amounts paid towards the *Extermination of Rabbits*, wild dogs, and other vermin—£13,425 in Victoria, £22,079 in Queensland, £200 in South Australia, and £2,088 in Western Australia; towards the *Eradication of vine and other vegetable diseases*—£5,550 in Victoria and £1,993 in New South Wales; also *Advances* to distressed farmers for purchase of seed—Victoria, £67; New South Wales, £14,850. In the latter colony the total advanced in five years ended with 1897-8 was £20,334, of which £6,108 has been repaid. *Bonuses* were also granted to encourage the export of colonial products as follow:—£26,759 to dairying, agricultural, and wine and fruit industries in Victoria; £2,488 in South Australia proper, and £5,000 in Northern Territory (for export of cattle). The following payments on account of *Labour and Village Settlements* are also included:—£8,587 in Victoria, £557 in New South Wales, and £663 in South Australia.

§ WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.—In Victoria, the Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage works is under the control of a Board of Works. See Table XV., *post*.

|| GENERAL PUBLIC WORKS.—Including capital expenditure (other than that from loans) on public works and buildings of all kinds—such as public offices, court-houses, gaols and police buildings, customs houses, roads and bridges, harbor, drainage and reclamation works, &c.; also *Endowments or Subsidies to Municipalities* as follow:—£100,000 in Victoria, £59,391 in New South Wales, £62,858 in Queensland, £96,612 in South Australia, £53,359 in Western Australia, £4,556 in Tasmania, and £66,134 in New Zealand.

¶ POST OFFICE, ETC.—Exclusive of cost of maintenance of Buildings, &c. (under “Public Works”).

\*\* INTEREST, ETC., ON DEBT.—Expenses are not included in the case of Tasmania. The amounts for New Zealand, New South Wales, and South Australia include contributions to the sinking fund. But in the case of New Zealand £70,300 proceeds of debentures issued to cover accretions of sinking fund, have been deducted. Interest on Treasury Bonds, &c., in aid of revenue included as follows:—Victoria, £32,500; New South Wales, £51,972; South Australia, £58,147; Tasmania (Local Stock), £19,000; New Zealand, £37,034. In the case of Victoria, £12,360 is also included for expenses in connexion with the conversion of stock.

†† PORTS AND HARBORS.—In Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand the principal ports, and in Tasmania light-houses also, are under the control of Trusts, the finances of which are given in Table XV. *post*. See also Table No. 14, in Appendix A., to the last issue of these statistics.

‡‡ MISCELLANEOUS.—Including the following general items of interest:—*Expenditure on Immigration* (apart from loans)—£486 in New South Wales, £951 in Queensland; also on *Aborigines*—£5,407 in Victoria, £9,388 in New South Wales, £2,208 in Queensland, £4,604 in South Australia, £635 in Northern Territory. *Royal Mint Subsidy*—£20,000 in Victoria, £15,000 in New South Wales. *Payments to Postal Department for Official Letters and Telegrams* in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia, as specified in Table XXIII., *post*. In *New South Wales* there are also included rates paid to municipalities and charges claimed by certain Departments of State for services rendered to other Departments generally—items which are not so included in the public accounts of Victoria, as follow:—Municipal rates on Government buildings, £10,096; Water and Sewerage rates on ditto, £8,528. Free passes to Members of Parliament and distinguished visitors, £15,000. The following *special items* are also included:—Victoria—Fire Brigades Act, £12,522; New South Wales—Government Labour Bureau and Relief of Unemployed, £11,014; Queensland—Labour Bureau, £7,146; South Australia—Expenses in connexion with Federal Convention, £6,764; Celebration of Queen's Diamond Jubilee, £1,608; New Zealand—Native expenditure (chiefly on native land courts and schools), £23,091, and Labour Department, £7,206.

<sup>1</sup> Including seventh instalment of £75,000 towards redemption of a loan of £1,000,000 for the “reconstruction and improvement of rolling-stock and permanent way” on railways. Amount paid in redemption of Treasury Bonds in aid of revenue—£150,000—is excluded.

<sup>2</sup> Net expenditure as far as possible, some book entries, however, are still included.

<sup>3</sup> Including £150,000 transferred to Public Works Fund.



ADDENDUM.—EXPENDITURE UNDER VARIOUS HEADS, 1897-8.

Items.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	New Zealand.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Railways (Working Expenses) ...	1,559,379	1,844,419	684,566	607,456	20,310	852,648	849,923
Post and Telegraph ...	492,342*	701,079	313,610	205,185	4,893	289,474	362,867
Defences ...	184,677	235,291	69,952	33,190	...	28,724†	72,453
Public Instruction ...	571,590	706,767	224,945	153,635	2,835	49,897	435,020
Interest and charges on Public Debt ...	1,852,056	2,255,690	1,324,333	881,140	70,727‡	338,263	1,671,813§
All other sources ...	2,021,856	3,476,694	1,130,022	718,333	53,255	1,697,906	1,450,696
Total ...	6,681,900	9,219,940	3,747,428	2,598,939	152,020	3,256,912	4,842,772§

\* Including maintenance of buildings, £3,171, but exclusive of cost of stamp printing, about £4,700.  
† Including Admiralty surveys, £5,189.  
‡ Includes £4,165 paid towards redemption of loans.  
§ Exclusive of an amount of £69,600, proceeds of debentures issued to cover accretion of sinking fund.

TABLE VII.—EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS, 1896-7.

Name of Colony.	Expended during Year on—								Total.
	Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply.	Sewerage.	Harbors, Rivers, Light-houses, and Docks.	Roads and Bridges.	Defences.	Immigration.	Other Works and Services. †	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	163,746	19,104	...	...	...	...	...	...	182,850*
New South Wales ...	476,674	250,911	189,198	240,172	55,004	11,102	...	325,044	1,548,105
Queensland ...	709,463	7,857	...	38,805	...	9,626	2,535	380,055	1,148,341
South Australia, Proper	16,450	105,148	40,352	5,226	13,599	...	...	86,329	267,104
Do., Northern Territory	4,507	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,507
Western Australia ...	1,926,795	16,994	...	218,172	13,166	...	3,139	431,403	2,609,669
Total ...	3,297,635	400,014	229,550	502,375	81,769	20,728	5,674	1,222,831	5,760,576
Tasmania ...	10,644	...	...	... ‡	49,528	...	...	19,430	79,602
New Zealand ...	207,231	...	...	11,600	202,184	10,554	301	657,720	1,089,590
Grand Total ...	3,515,510	400,014	229,550	513,975	333,481	31,282	5,975	1,899,981	6,929,768

NOTE.—Expenditure towards the redemption of old loans is excluded. For periods to which the figures relate, see footnote \* to Table IV., ante.

\* Exclusive of £93,824, expenditure out of funds raised by the issue of temporary Treasury Bonds, repayable by annual instalments out of the General Revenue.

† Including the following items:—  
In New South Wales—Gaols and Court Houses, £49,156; Telegraphs and Telephones, £68,664; Improvements Forest Reserves, £11,002; Charitable Institutions, £56,734; Law Courts, Gaols, &c., £49,156; Educational, &c., £46,306; to promote Land Settlement, £36,678.  
In Queensland—Telegraphs, £25,037; Public Lands, £21,918; Agriculture, £7,169; Granted or Re-lent to Local Bodies, &c., £313,073 (including £201,690 advanced to Sugar Mills, making a total to date of £359,990, repayable principal and interest by instalments, of which £21,755 was in arrear).

In South Australia—Improvements Pastoral Leases, £43,619; Telegraphs, £13,380; Buildings, £6,673; Vermin-proof Fencing, £7,691; Village Settlements, £8,180; Working Men's Blocks, £1,243; Blockholders' Loans, £3,157; Produce Stores, Port Adelaide, £2,674. On the other hand, such expenditure was reduced by credits amounting to £539.

Also the following in New Zealand:—

	1896-7.	1897-8.
Land Purchases ..	£457,525	£230,751
Granted or Re-lent to Local Bodies ..	76,696	94,027
Telegraph Extension ..	36,791	29,384
Public Buildings ..	70,579	73,585

‡ Expenditure on "Harbors, &c.," included with that on "Roads and Bridges."

ADDENDUM.—LOAN EXPENDITURE, 1897-8.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8) a	(9)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	248,140	45,871	...	...	...	...	...	40,000	334,011
New South Wales ...	421,885	243,737	294,885	282,421	59,526	34,147	...	308,168	1,644,769
Queensland ...	626,974	8,198	...	11,750	...	3,874	9,926	276,344	937,066
South Australia, Proper	164,447	112,069	36,649	4,449	21,002	3,523	...	153,053	495,192
Western Australia ...	1,385,794	75,757	...	208,392	13,635	...	4,736	207,830	1,896,144
New Zealand ..	351,600	...	...	5,295	309,548	10,360	70	457,939	1,134,812

a Including the following items:—

Victoria—Advance to Beet-sugar Company, £40,000.

New South Wales—Telegraphs and Telephones, £44,818; Charitable Institutions, &c., £37,049; Educational Buildings, &c., £60,605; Public Buildings (General), £96,375; to promote Land Settlement, £41,298; Forest Reserves, £8,040; Local Land Office Sites and Buildings, £4,354.

Queensland—Telegraphs, £36,101; Public Lands, £15,000; Loans to Local Bodies, £209,148 (including £70,016 advanced to Sugar Mills, making total to date of £360,000, repayable principal and interest by instalments).

South Australia—Telegraphs, £8,001; Buildings, £13,991; Improvements Pastoral Leases, £87,829; Working Men's Blocks, Blockholders' Loans, Village Settlements, £15,851; Vermin-proof Fencing, £21,665; Produce Stores, Port Adelaide, £5,958. These are the gross amounts from which certain credits must be deducted, to obtain the net amount as shown in the table.

New Zealand—See statement at foot of note † supra.

TABLE VIII.—STATE FUNDED DEBT, 1897 AND 1898; AND ANNUAL INTEREST, AND SINKING FUNDS ON 30TH JUNE, 1897 AND 1898.

Name of Colony.	Nominal Debt on 30th June.					Annual Interest on 30th June, 1898.			Accumulated Sinking Funds to 30th June, 1898.
	1897.		1898.			Amount.	Average Rate.	Per Head.	
	Amount.	Per Head.	Amount.	Per Head.	Average Currency from 1st July, 1898.				
	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	Years.	£	per cent.	£ s. d.	£
Victoria ...	46,929,321	40 2 0	47,058,088	40 4 10	14·5	1,824,851	3·88	1 11 3	118,507
New South Wales*	58,588,264	44 13 6	60,777,186	45 10 0	19·9	2,225,263	3·66	1 13 4	48,969
Queensland ...	33,498,414	69 15 7	33,598,414	68 1 1	25·5	1,274,244	3·79	2 11 7	...
South Australia ...	23,914,000	67 0 2	24,309,035	67 5 5	18·7	953,119	3·92	2 12 9	18,750
Western Australia ...	7,310,815	46 6 8	9,203,738	53 16 8	17·1	325,994	3·54	1 18 2	255,784
Total ...	170,240,814	48 19 5	174,946,461	49 10 10	19·3	6,603,471	3·77	1 17 5	442,010
Tasmania ...	7,782,170	46 11 8	7,776,320	44 19 1	18·6	297,366	3·83	1 14 5	144,523
Total Six Colonies	178,022,984	48 17 2	182,722,781	49 6 7	19·3	6,900,837	3·77	1 17 3	586,533
New Zealand ...	44,362,118	61 13 6	44,963,424	61 5 11	29·4	1,750,659	3·89	2 7 9	881,903
Grand Total ...	222,385,102	50 19 5	227,686,205	51 6 1	21·3	8,651,496	3·80	1 19 0	1,468,436

NOTE.—In cases where a Redemption Loan and the Loan to be redeemed by it are both current at the same time, one or the other has been omitted. The figures for New Zealand relate to the 31st March, 1897 and 1898, respectively.  
\* Exclusive of £325,000 borrowed from the Sinking Fund specifically created to redeem a loan of £1,000,000 for railway reconstruction works—not included with the Funded Debt. (See footnote (a) to Table IX., *post*.) Overdue Debentures unrepresented, amounting on 30th June, 1898, to £3,950, are also excluded.

TABLE VIII<sub>A</sub>.—PRESENT VALUE OF DEBENTURES AND STOCK REPRESENTING THE FUNDED DEBT ON 30TH JUNE, 1898.

(Assuming the effective rate of interest to be 3 per cent.)

Colony.	Present value of Debentures and Stock if converted into 3 per cent. (par) Stock.			
	Amount of—		Average per Head.	
	Principal.	Interest 3 per cent.	Principal.	Interest.
	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	51,479,641	1,544,389	44 0 5	1 6 5
New South Wales ...	66,594,300	1,997,829	49 17 1	1 9 11
Queensland ...	37,853,169	1,135,595	76 13 5	2 6 0
South Australia ...	27,016,809	810,504	74 15 4	2 4 10
Western Australia ...	9,721,920	291,658	56 17 3	1 14 1
Total ...	192,665,839	5,779,975	54 11 2	1 12 9
Tasmania ...	8,590,344	257,710	49 13 3	1 9 10
New Zealand ...	51,925,812	1,557,774	70 15 9	2 2 6
Grand Total	253,181,995	7,595,459	57 1 0	1 14 3

NOTE.—The above is the result of an actuarial calculation, in which the different nominal rates of interest and currencies of the loans of each colony have been taken into account. The effective rate of Interest has been assumed at 3 per cent., although at present it is somewhat higher. This table presents a true comparison of the permanent indebtedness of the various colonies.

TABLE VIII<sub>B</sub>.—LOANS AUTHORIZED, BUT NOT RAISED, ON 30TH JUNE, 1898.

Purpose for which authorized.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
For Public Works ...	4,382,417	13,635,637	...	...	2,910,956	...
For Redemption of Loans ...	...	178,900	...	...	1,303,530*	...
In aid of Revenue ...	1,125,000†	...	...	...	...	103,576‡
Total ...	5,507,417	13,814,537	317,100*	Nil	4,214,486	103,576

\* To replace Treasury Bills in aid of Works. —† Treasury Bonds or Bills, —‡ Local Inscribed Stock of short currency.



TABLE IX.—UNFUNDED DEBT (OR BORROWINGS NOT INCLUDED IN TABLE VIII.) ON 30TH JUNE, 1897 AND 1898.

Colony.	To Cover Deficiencies in—						Total.	
	Consolidated Revenue.				Loan and Suspense Accounts.			
	Treasury Bills.		Advanced from Trust Funds, &c.		Advanced from Trust Funds.			
	1897.	1898.	1897.	1898.	1897.	1898.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	600,000	500,000	2,152,651	2,217,404	451,378	436,477	3,204,029	3,153,881
New South Wales*	2,477,584	2,327,584	+ 114,445†	+ 122,211†	2,193,635	2,193,340	4,785,664	4,643,135
Queensland ...	71,000	...	1,704,669‡	1,720,499‡	\$	\$	1,775,669	1,720,499
South Australia ...	Nil	500,000	Nil	Nil	...	...	...	500,000
Western Australia	...	...	...	186,803	...	...	...	186,803
Total ...	3,148,584	3,327,584	3,971,765	4,246,917	2,645,013	2,629,817	9,765,362	10,204,318
Tasmania ¶	575,794	658,517	...	...	...	...	575,794	658,517
New Zealand **	730,000	730,000	...	...	...	...	730,000	730,000
Grand Total	4,454,378	4,716,101	3,971,765	4,246,917	2,645,013	2,629,817	11,071,156	11,592,835

\* Exclusive of £1,000,000 borrowed for railway reconstruction and improvements, as against which a Sinking Fund of £75,000 per annum is provided; also of £525,000, borrowed from the Sinking Fund referred to (being the whole amount of credit), to pay off portion of the Funded Debt which fell due. It is not clear why the latter amount at least should be omitted altogether from the Public Debt.

† The plus sign indicates revenue credit balance—not advances from Trust Fund—which forms a set-off to the Treasury Bills outstanding.

‡ “Cash deficit,” as shown by Auditor-General.

§ £500,000 advanced and applied towards the redemption of funded loans has been omitted.

¶ The net deficiency in the revenue, amounting to £905,986, was made good by the issue of Consolidated Stock of the nominal amount of £931,250, included in the funded debt.

\*\* Including Local Inscribed Stock (of short currency) for revenue purposes, viz.:—£400,794 in 1897, and £513,517 in 1898.

\*\* On 31st March.

TABLE X.—STATE FUNDED DEBT.—EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS AND BALANCES UNEXPENDED TO 30TH JUNE, 1898.

(Exclusive of Loans finally paid off.)

Expenditure on—	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total Australasia.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
I. REVENUE-YIELDING WORKS.									
Railways and Tramways ..	35,512,938	38,695,179	18,604,122	12,163,792	5,888,124	110,802,355	3,486,174	15,014,500	129,393,029
Electric Telegraphs ..	...	933,169	851,331	842,645	269,308	2,806,753	120,719	769,000	3,786,472
Water Supply and Sewerage	7,277,627	7,975,568	1,069,324	3,890,929	102,751	20,268,199	76,600	600,000	20,944,799
Harbors, Rivers, Docks, &c.—									
Wharfs ..	...	1,453,612	1,914,821	130,717	998,031	8,670,520	24,500	484,000	9,512,825
Docks ..	341,819	305,026		...					
Harbors and Rivers ..	269,240	2,267,555		975,499					
Light-houses ..	...	92,841	95,950	71,505	34,759	295,055	38,750	...	...
Total ..	43,429,624	51,689,450	22,535,548	18,075,087	7,293,173	143,022,882	3,745,743	16,867,500	163,637,125
2. ALL OTHER WORKS.									
Roads and Bridges ..	106,259	999,791	1,484,225	1,353,177	132,277	3,999,929	2,208,687	4,622,000	10,830,916
School Buildings ..	1,063,507	796,564	7,812	456,06	...	2,334,789	148,563	...	2,483,352
Defence Works ..	98,299	1,211,072	213,596	224,811	...	1,747,718	121,423	3,995,000	5,864,211
Other Public Works*	752,218	1,902,350	948,682	265,007	63,876	3,932,133	649,245	3,716,000	8,267,378
Immigration ..	...	875,326	2,608,549	...	20,975	3,504,850	23,000	2,459,000	6,198,850
Deficiencies in Revenue ..	...	...	1,489,578	1,014,555	...	2,504,133	154,090	1,982,000	4,640,223
Other purposes† ..	40,000	468,529	594,353	1,644,006	1,004,055	3,750,943	130,500	9,714,924	13,596,367
Unapportioned ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	58,846	...	58,846
Total expended ..	45,489,907	57,943,082	29,816,543	23,013,559	8,514,356	164,797,447	7,453,397	43,326,424	215,577,268
Unexpended ..	625,165	— 23,366	— 1,070,449	615,831	531,102	3,301,735	207,431	...	3,509,166
Total Proceeds of Loans	46,115,072	57,919,746	31,369,516	23,649,390	9,045,458	168,099,182	7,660,828	43,326,424	219,086,434
Expenses of Floating, Discounts, &c. ..	943,016	2,857,440	2,228,898	679,645	158,280	6,847,279	115,492	1,637,000	8,599,771
Total Debt ..	47,058,088	60,777,186	33,598,414	24,309,035	9,203,738	174,946,461	7,776,320	44,963,424	227,686,205

[For notes see next page.]



NOTES TO TABLE.

NOTE.—The following loans to Local Bodies, &c., are included in the foregoing table, under the respective headings shown :—

LOANS TO LOCAL BODIES, ETC.

Purposes.						Victoria.	Queensland.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.
						£	£	£	£
Tramways ...	...	...	...	...	...	198,683	...	...	...
Waterworks ...	...	...	...	...	...	4,911,285	774,293	76,600 g	600,000
Harbors, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80,785	24,500	...
Roads and Bridges ...	...	...	...	...	...	37,500	525,847	400	565,500
Other Public Works—Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,300	...
Other Purposes—									
Mining Companies	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,529	...	...
Sugar Companies	...	...	...	...	...	40,000	430,005	...	...
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	82,035	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	5,187,468	1,904,494	102,800	1,165,500

\* Including the following amounts in the colonies named:—*Post Offices*—Victoria, Nil; Queensland, £99,761; New South Wales, £229,164; South Australia, £19,419. *Customs Houses, &c.*—Victoria, Nil; New South Wales, £56,298; Queensland, £56,255; South Australia, Nil. *Quarantine Buildings*—Victoria and New South Wales, Nil; Queensland, £8,934; South Australia, £20,239.

† Including the following amounts:—In South Australia, about £600,000 on general public works for the Northern Territory, and £831,664 paid to lessees for improvements on pastoral leases; in Queensland, £430,005, loans to sugar companies; in Western Australia, over £300,000 on the development of mineral resources; in Tasmania, £100,000, State aid to religion; in New Zealand, £3,043,000 for land purchases (partly from the Maoris), £721,000 on mining, £1,500,000 for advances to settlers, £500,000 for Bank of New Zealand preference shares, £356,000 for New Zealand Consols Deposits, and £786,000 to cover old provincial liabilities. Including also premiums on loans, which in some colonies are paid into the consolidated revenue; the amounts are, however, of small importance.

- a Portion of the expenditure on Harbors, &c., is included with that for Roads and Bridges.
- b Included with other public works.
- c Including £2,357,000 towards cost of the Maori War.
- d Deficit covered by a temporary advance of £1,500,000 from the Trust funds.
- e Apparent overdraft; if so, the cash balance—shown in the next line—would be reduced accordingly.
- f Of this amount, about £1,856,000 consists of suspended deposits in the Queensland National and other Queensland banks.
- g Of which £35,000 was for light and water.

TABLE XI.—STATE FUNDED DEBT—INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL—30TH JUNE, 1898

Name of Colony.	Loans repayable in—								Total Debt Outstanding.
	London.				Australasia.				
	Debentures.	Inscribed Stock.	Treasury Bills in aid of Public Works.*	Total.	Debentures.	Inscribed Stock.	Treasury Bills in aid of Public Works.*	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	11,171,600	32,892,400	...	44,064,000	796,795	2,197,293	...	2,994,088	47,058,088
New South Wales ...	9,911,600	44,512,500	...	54,424,100	570,900	5,782,186	...	6,353,086	60,777,186
Queensland ...	9,810,100	22,064,034	...	31,874,134	1,724,280	...	...	1,724,280	33,598,414
South Australia ...	11,033,300	11,620,000	...	22,653,300	...	1,411,335	244,400	1,655,735	24,309,035
Western Australia ...	452,114†	7,448,094	1,053,530	8,953,738	...	...	250,000	250,000	9,203,738
Total ...	42,378,714	118,537,028	1,053,530	161,969,272	3,091,975	9,390,814	494,400	12,977,189	174,946,461
Tasmania ...	3,076,550	4,456,500	...	7,533,050	243,270	...	...	243,270	7,776,320
New Zealand ...	2,289,200	37,392,481	...	39,681,681	4,925,558	356,185	...	5,281,743	44,963,424
Grand Total	47,744,464	160,386,009	1,053,530	209,184,003	8,260,803	9,746,999	494,400	18,502,202	227,686,205

\* Included with Funded Debt, as they will, as opportunity offers, be replaced by Debentures or Stock.  
† Including Mortgage Bonds, amounting to £85,514.

TABLE XII.—INTEREST ON LOANS OUTSTANDING, 30TH JUNE, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Nominal Amount of Loans Bearing Interest at —								Total.	Annual Interest Payable.				
	6%	5½%	5%	4½%	4%	3½%	3¼%	3%		In London.		In Australia.		Total.
	Amount.	Average Rate per cent.	Amount.	Average Rate per cent.	Amount.	Average Rate per cent.	Amount.	Average Rate per cent.		Amount.	Average Rate per cent.	Amount.	Average Rate per cent.	
	£		£		£		£		£	£		£		£
Victoria ...	...	...	...	5,000,000	27,810,795	12,000,000	...	2,247,293	47,058,088	1,727,560	3·92	97,291	3·25	1,824,851
New South Wales ...	94,500	4,500	2,082,900	3,700	21,065,439	29,326,200	...	8,199,947	60,777,186	1,993,786	3·66	231,477	3·64	2,225,263
Queensland ...	...	...	...	...	21,384,300	10,489,634	...	1,724,480	33,598,414	1,212,237	3·80	62,007	3·60	1,274,244
South Australia ...	786,200	...	290,000	244,400 <sup>1</sup>	17,382,400	3,363,900	...	2,242,135	24,309,035	897,216*	3·96	55,903*	3·38	953,119
Western Australia ...	32,500	...	83,100	85,130	4,086,535	1,000,000	41,000	3,875,473	9,203,738	317,244	3·54	8,750	3·50	325,994
Total ...	913,200	4,500	2,456,000	5,333,230	91,729,469	56,179,734	41,000	18,289,328	174,946,461	6,148,043	3·80	455,428	3·51	6,603,471
Tasmania ...	179,900	...	100	...	4,139,120	3,457,200	...	...	7,776,320	287,096	3·81	10,270	4·22	297,366
New Zealand ...	127,300	...	864,700	1,504,568	31,404,102	8,756,742	100,000	2,206,012	44,963,424	1,544,970	3·89	205,689	3·89	1,750,659
Grand Total ...	1,220,400	4,500	3,320,800	6,837,798	127,272,691	68,393,676	141,000	20,495,340	227,686,205	7,980,109	3·81	671,387	3·63	8,651,496

NOTE.—*Expenses of Paying Interest.*—The charges for paying interest in London consist of exchange on remittances, averaging about '67 (13s. 5d.) per cent.; also, in the case of debenture loans, a commission of ½ per cent. on the interest payable, except South Australia, which transacts the business free of charge in the office of the Agent-General; or, in the case of inscribed loans, an annual charge on the amount of debt inscribed for inscription and management. The average annual charge for such inscription, &c., was as follows in the colonies named:—Victoria, £250 (recently reduced from £436) per million; New South Wales, £428; Queensland, £457; South Australia, about £100 (business probably transacted by Agent-General, formerly it was £250); New Zealand, £436.

\* In South Australia, in the case of £348,100 debentures or stock held in London and £95,300 in Adelaide, the place of payment of interest may be changed at the option of stock-holders at any time, after due notice; and, in the case of £2,517,800 in London, and £332,900 in Adelaide, the place may be changed only from London to Adelaide, or *vice versa*; in all other cases an option was also allowed, but it had to be declared at the time of issue.

<sup>1</sup> Exact rate, £4 11s. 3d. per £100 in this case.



TABLE XIII.—DUE DATES AND RATES OF INTEREST ON STATE LOANS ON 30TH JUNE, 1898.

When Repayable.	Amounts Outstanding at each Rate of Interest in—												
	Victoria.			Queensland.			Western Australia.				Tasmania.		
	4 per Cent.	Other Rates.	Total.	4 per Cent.	3½ per Cent.*	Total.	4 per Cent.	3½ per Cent.	Other Rates.	Total.	4 per Cent.	Other Rates.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1898 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(4½ %) 3,530	3,530	2,100	{ 52,800 ... 24,000 100,000 3,100	54,900
1899 ...	1,500,000	...	1,500,000	...	...	...	800,000	...	...	800,000	200		200
1900 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250,000	...	...	250,000	7,220		31,220
1901 ...	3,000,000	...	3,000,000	...	...	...	...	250,000	(6 %) 32,500	282,500	...		100,000
1902 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(5 %) 34,000	34,000	28,100	...	31,200
1903 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(5 %) 31,500	31,500	55,680	...	55,680
1904 ...	457,000	(4½ %) 5,000,000	5,457,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,870	...	21,870
1905 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(5 %) 17,600	17,600	10,400	(5 %) 100	10,500
1907 ...	4,000,000	...	4,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1908 ...	2,000,000	...	2,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300,000	...	300,000
1911 ...	2,107,000(15)	...	2,107,000	...	...	...	1,876,000(20)	...	...	1,876,000	1,000,000	...	1,000,000
1912 ...	...	(3 %) 50,000(10)	50,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1913 ...	746,795(10)	{	4,746,795	1,466,500	...	1,466,500	...	...	...	...	545,950	(3½ %) 700	546,650
1914 ...	4,000,000		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	800,000	...
1915 ...	...	...	...	11,728,800	...	11,728,800	...	750,000(20)	(3%) 1,750,000(20)	2,500,000	...	...	...
1916 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(3%) 1,100,000(20)	1,100,000	...	...	...
1917 ...	...	(3%) 2,197,293	2,197,293	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1919 ...	4,000,000	...	4,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1920 ...	6,000,000	...	6,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ 300,000 1,000,000(20)}	(3½ %) 3,456,500(20)	4,756,500
1921 ...	...	(3½ %) 5,000,000(5)	5,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1922 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,041	...	...	19,041	...	...	...
1923 ...	...	(3½ %) 7,000,000	7,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	(3 %) 25,473	25,473	...	...	...
1924 ...	...	...	...	8,189,000	4,784,834	12,973,834	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1926 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67,600	...	67,600
1927 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(3%) 1,000,000	1,000,000	...	...	...
1930 ...	...	...	...	...	3,704,800	3,704,800	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1934 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	972,094	...	...	972,094	...	...	...
1945 ...	...	...	...	...	2,000,000	2,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1947 ...	...	...	...	...	(3%) 1,724,480	1,724,480	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Annual Drawings	...	...	...	...	...	...	169,400	...	(4½ %) 81,600	251,000	...	...	...
Indefinite	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(3¼ %) 41,000	41,000	...	...	...
Total ...	27,810,795	19,247,293	47,058,088	21,384,300	12,214,114	33,598,414	4,086,535	1,000,000	4,117,203	9,203,738	4,139,120	3,637,200	7,776,320



TABLE XIII.—DUE DATES AND RATES OF INTEREST ON STATE LOANS ON 30TH JUNE, 1898—continued.

1938	Amounts outstanding at each Rate of Interest in—																	
	When Repayable.	New South Wales.					South Australia.					New Zealand (31st March, 1898).						
		5 per cent.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.	Other Rates.	Total.	6 per cent.	5 per cent.	4 per cent.	Other Rates.	Total.	6 per cent.	5 per cent.	4½ per cent.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.	Other Rates.	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1898	...	177,200	...	(6 %) 2,500	179,700	...	...	...	...	...	71,300	...	1,239,166	253,200	663,200	...	2,226,866	
1899	...	197,700	...	...	197,700	60,000	...	1,080,000	...	1,140,000	...	56,700	212,502	134,100	455,990	$\left. \begin{matrix} (3\%) \\ 125,000 \\ (3\frac{1}{4}\%) \\ 100,000 \end{matrix} \right\}$	1,084,292	
1900	...	857,100	...	(5½ %) 4,500	861,600	60,000	...	...	$\left. \begin{matrix} (£4 \text{ iis. } 3\text{d. } \%) \\ 244,400 \end{matrix} \right\}$	304,400	...	...	...	...	253,200	...	253,200	
1901	...	390,900	...	(6 %) 30,000	420,900	67,300	...	...	...	67,300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1902	...	399,300	...	(6 %) 59,700	459,000	65,000	...	...	...	65,000	...	...	...	...	250,000	...	250,000	
1903	...	...	1,000,000	(4½ %) 3,700	1,003,700	65,000	...	...	...	65,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1904	...	58,000	...	...	58,000	37,500	25,000	...	...	62,500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1905	...	...	901,500	(6 %) 2,300	903,800	47,500	25,000	...	...	72,500	...	...	...	101,600	...	...	101,600	
1906	...	...	224,900	...	224,900	37,500	...	...	...	37,500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1907	...	...	...	...	...	37,500	...	1,000,000	...	1,037,500	...	...	...	1,000,000	...	...	1,000,000	
1908	...	...	1,450,000	...	1,450,000	11,000	...	1,940,100	...	1,951,100	...	...	...	283,000	117,000	...	400,000	
1909	...	...	1,799,500	...	1,799,500	28,100	...	3,094,600	...	3,122,700	40,000	...	...	...	...	...	40,000	
1910	...	...	2,863,700	...	2,863,700	60,300	...	...	...	60,300	...	...	25,000	...	356,185	...	381,185	
1911	...	...	...	...	...	18,300	50,000	...	...	68,300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1912	...	...	2,609,350	(3 %) 2,279,627	4,888,977	35,000	50,000	...	...	85,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1913	...	...	...	...	...	46,300	...	...	...	46,300	...	...	27,900	469,600	...	...	497,500	
1914	...	...	...	...	...	35,000	...	...	...	35,000	...	325,700	...	12,300	...	...	338,000	
1915	...	...	...	...	...	25,000	10,000	...	...	35,000	3,800	...	...	...	...	...	3,800	
1916	...	...	...	...	...	20,000	26,000	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} 1,917,300 \\ 1,560,400(19) \end{matrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} (3\%) \\ 839,500(10) \\ 1,402,635 \infty \end{matrix} \right\}$	5,765,835	12,200	...	...	...	...	...	12,200	
1917	...	...	...	...	...	20,000	26,000	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} 2,182,400(19) \\ 1,317,800 \end{matrix} \right\}$	...	3,546,200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1918	...	...	12,826,200	...	12,826,200	9,900	26,000	1,438,500	...	1,474,400	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1919-21	...	...	...	...	...	$\left. \begin{matrix} (1919) \\ 52,000 \end{matrix} \right\}$	...	...	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} (3\frac{1}{2}\%, 1920) \\ 311,200 \end{matrix} \right\}$	363,200	...	...	...	...	$\left. \begin{matrix} (1921) \\ 500,000 \end{matrix} \right\}$	...	500,000	
1924	...	...	16,500,000	$\left. \begin{matrix} (3) \left\{ \begin{matrix} 198,065 \\ 222,255 \end{matrix} \right\} \end{matrix} \right\}$	16,698,065	...	...	1,651,300	...	1,651,300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1925	...	...	...	...	222,255	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1929-45	...	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} (1933) \\ 9,686,300 \end{matrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} (3\%, 1935) \\ 5,500,000 \end{matrix} \right\}$	...	15,186,300	...	...	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} (1929) \\ 200,000 \end{matrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} (3\frac{1}{2}\%, 1939) \\ 3,052,700\dagger \end{matrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} (1929) \\ 3,252,700 \end{matrix} \right\}$	...	...	...	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} (1929) \\ 29,150,302 \end{matrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} (1940) \\ 6,161,167 \end{matrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} (3\%, 1945) \\ 2,081,012 \end{matrix} \right\}$	37,392,481	
Annual Drawings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	482,300	...	...	...	...	482,300	
Indefinite	...	2,700	530,189	...	532,889	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	...	2,082,900	21,065,439	29,326,200	8,302,647	60,777,186	786,200	290,000	17,382,400	5,850,435	24,309,035	127,300	864,700	1,504,568	31,404,102	8,756,742	2,306,012	44,963,424

NOTE.—The earliest date of repayment is given in all cases. When it is optional to continue the loan for a further term of years, without redemption, such period is shown in brackets after the amount. When the term is indefinite the sign ∞ appears.—\* Excepting one case of 3 per cents., as indicated.—† Including £332,900 due in 1936.

TABLE XIII A.—SUMMARY FOR AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA.

Earliest year when repayable.	Amount at each rate of interest.					Total.	Earliest year when repayable.	Amount at each rate of interest.					Total.
	6 per cent.	5 per cent.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.	Other (as indicated).			6 per cent.	5 per cent.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.	Other (as indicated).	
	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£
1898 ...	55,300	177,200	2,100	...	(4½ %) 3,530	238,130	1918 ...	9,900	26,000	1,438,500	12,826,200	...	14,300,600
1899 ...	60,000	197,700	3,380,200	...	...	3,637,900	1919 ...	...	52,000	4,000,000	...	...	4,052,000
1900 ...	84,000	857,100	257,220	...	{ (£4/11/3) 244,400 } { (5½ %) 4,500 }	1,447,220	1920 ...	...	...	7,300,000	3,767,700	...	11,067,700
1901 ...	229,800	390,900	3,000,000	250,000	...	3,870,700	1921 ...	...	...	...	5,000,000	...	5,000,000
1902 ...	127,800	433,300	28,100	...	...	589,200	1922 ...	...	...	19,041	...	...	19,041
1903 ...	65,000	31,500	1,055,680	...	(4½ %) 3,700	1,155,880	1923 ...	...	...	...	7,000,000	(3 %) 25,473	7,025,473
1904 ...	37,500	83,000	478,870	...	(4½ %) 5,000,000	5,599,370	1924 ...	...	...	9,840,300	21,284,834	(3 %) 198,065	31,323,199
1905 ...	49,800	42,700	911,900	...	...	1,004,400	1925 ...	...	...	...	...	(3 %) 222,255	222,255
1906 ...	37,500	...	224,900	...	...	262,400	1926 ...	...	...	67,600	...	...	67,600
1907 ...	37,500	...	5,000,000	...	...	5,037,500	1927 ...	...	...	...	...	(3 %) 1,000,000	1,000,000
1908 ...	11,000	...	5,690,100	...	...	5,701,100	1929 ...	...	...	200,000	...	...	200,000
1909 ...	28,100	...	4,894,100	...	...	4,922,200	1930 ...	...	...	...	3,704,800	...	3,704,800
1910 ...	60,300	...	2,863,700	...	...	2,924,000	1933 ...	...	...	9,686,300	...	...	9,686,300
1911 ...	18,300	50,000	4,983,000	...	...	5,051,300	1934 ...	...	...	972,094	...	...	972,094
1912 ...	35,000	50,000	2,609,350	...	(3 %) 2,329,627	5,023,977	1935 ...	...	...	...	...	(3 %) 5,500,000	5,500,000
1913 ...	46,300	...	6,759,245	700	...	6,806,245	1936 ...	...	...	...	332,900	...	332,900
1914 ...	35,000	...	800,000	...	...	835,000	1939 ...	...	...	...	2,719,800	...	2,719,800
1915 ...	25,000	10,000	11,728,800	750,000	(3 %) 1,750,000	14,263,800	1945 ...	...	...	...	2,000,000	...	2,000,000
1916 ...	20,000	26,000	3,477,700	...	(3 %) 3,342,135	6,865,835	1947 ...	...	...	...	...	(3 %) 1,724,480	1,724,480
1917 ...	20,000	26,000	3,500,200	...	(3 %) 2,197,293	5,743,493	Annual drawing...	...	...	169,400	...	(4½ %) 81,600	251,000
							Indefinite	...	2,700	530,189	...	(3¼ %) 41,000	573,889
							Total debt	1,093,100	2,456,100	95,868,589	59,636,934	{ (5½ %) 4,500 } { (4½ %) 5,088,830 } { (3¼ %) 41,000 } { (3 %) 18,289,328 } { (4/11/3) 244,400 }	182,722,781



TABLE XIV.—GOVERNMENT TRUST FUNDS ON THE 30TH JUNE, 1898.

Colony.	Balances at Credit of—		Total Amount.	How disposed of—				
	Savings Banks Departments.	Other Funds.*		Invested in Government Securities.	Deposited in Banks, Temporary Advances, &c.	Advanced to—		
						Consolidated Revenue.	Special Suspense Accounts.†	Loan Account.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ... ..	3,595,418	1,573,537	5,168,955	1,521,477	557,120	2,653,881	436,477	...
New South Wales ‡ ... ..	6,894,697	1,571,121	8,465,818	5,072,921	1,892,897	Nil	Nil	1,500,000
Queensland ... ..	2,848,502	87,507	2,936,009	1,824,125	1,111,884	...	...	...
South Australia ... ..	...	311,581	311,581	...	311,581	...	...	...
Western Australia § ... ..	1,072,591	1,161,924	2,234,515	1,263,661	970,854	...	...	...
Tasmania ... ..	156,348	152,827	309,175	288,354	20,696	125	...	...
Total ... ..	14,567,556	4,858,497	19,426,053	9,970,538	4,865,032	2,654,006	436,477	1,500,000

\* The principal of which were as follow:—Victoria—Municipalities' Sinking Fund Investment Account, £555,611; The Country Tramways Act Account, £137,872. New South Wales—Civil Service Superannuation Account, £386,912; Master-in-Equity, £332,794. Western Australia—Sinking Fund, £205,637; Outstanding Claims not yet paid, £486,676.

† These accounts were as follow:—Victoria—Land Sales by Auction Fund.

‡ Exclusive of the Accumulated Sinking Fund amounting to £525,000 to redeem a loan of £1,000,000 (not included in the Public Debt) raised for railway reconstruction and improvements. The amount accumulated in this fund was advanced to redeem portion of the Funded Debt which fell due.

§ On 30th September.

TABLE XV.—FINANCES OF LOCAL BODIES OR CORPORATIONS, 1897.

Name of Colony.	No.	Municipalities.											
		Area.		Population.		Revenue (exclusive of Loans).				Expenditure.		Loans Outstanding.*	
		Acres. (000's omitted.)	Percentage of whole Colony.	Number. (000's omitted.)	Percentage of Total Population.	From Government.	Raised by Local Taxation.	From other Sources.	Total.	Ordinary.	From Loans.	Government Loans.	Other Loans.
						£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	208	55,787,	99·18	1,149,	97·70	104,823	852,500	173,178	1,130,501	1,183,637	39,912	447,203	3,551,914
New South Wales ...	183	1,768,	·90	758,	58·41	80,320	461,786	164,183	706,289	907,921	...	...	2,650,910 <sup>2</sup>
Queensland ...	153	427,681,	99·96	441,	93·40	71,206	231,805	92,409	395,420	398,982 <sup>1</sup>	(?)	426,542	(?)
South Australia ...	174	27,190,	11·18	(?)	...	25,353	160,183	62,679	248,215	248,575 <sup>1</sup>	(?)	(?)	(?)
Total ...	718	512,426,	55·42	...	...	281,702	1,706,274	492,449	2,480,425	2,739,115	...	...	...
Tasmania ...	138	7,142,	42·31	(?)	...	4,680	88,899	23,978	117,557	129,891	(?)	36,700	457,552
New Zealand ...	178 <sup>3</sup>	65,361,	97·76	714,	100·00	171,739	631,089	183,515	986,343 <sup>4</sup>	1,201,606 <sup>1</sup>	(?)	710,359	2,835,532
Grand Total ...	1,034	584,920,	58·00	...	...	458,121	2,426,262	699,942	3,584,325	4,070,612	...	...	...

  

Name of Colony.	No.	Harbor and River Trusts or Boards.					City Boards of Water Supply and Sewerage.					
		Number.	Revenue (exclusive of Loans).	Expenditure.		Loans Outstanding.†	Number.	Revenue (exclusive of Loans).	Expenditure.		Loans Outstanding.	
				Ordinary.	From Loans.				Ordinary.	From Loans.	Government Loans.	Other Loans.
			£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	...	1	147,735	134,342	...	2,000,000	1	163,432	257,913 <sup>5</sup>	436,426	2,359,157	3,893,580
Queensland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	49,306	42,888	11,571	478,301	...
Total ...	...	1	147,735	134,342	...	2,000,000	2	212,738	300,801	447,997	2,837,458	3,893,580
Tasmania ...	...	7	23,005	22,737	...	44,500	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Zealand ...	...	57	354,352	360,940	38,965	3,742,666	1	20,195	19,708	...	...	200,000
Grand Total ...	...	65	525,092	518,019	38,965	5,787,166	3	232,933	320,509	447,997	2,837,458	4,093,580

NOTE.—The figures relate usually to financial years terminating at various dates in 1897, except those for harbor boards and the City Sewerage (Drainage) Board in New Zealand, which are for the year ended 31st December, 1896. There may be other local bodies in the various colonies; but the above are all, with the exceptions next referred to, respecting which particulars are available. Of corporations, not taken into account, there are Fire Boards (2) in Victoria and (30) in New South Wales, which derive their income secondhand from the Government, the municipalities, and the insurance companies; some of them have, however, raised independent loans, amounting in Victoria to £130,000. In Victoria, moreover, there are Waterworks, Irrigation, and Water Supply, and Country Tramways Trusts, which usually construct their works by means of moneys advanced from the Government Loan account, and have the power of levying rates locally to cover charges for maintenance, interest, and sinking fund; also a Metropolitan Tramways Trust, which borrowed £1,650,000 for the construction of tramways, leased to a public company; but as, although the debt is guaranteed by the municipalities, the company is responsible to the Trust for the payment of interest and principal, the Trust's finances are rather of a private, than a public, character. In New South Wales there are also the Metropolitan and Hunter River District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, but these are not shown in the above table as their accounts are included in the Public Accounts; in 1896-7 the former had a revenue of £175,984, an annual expenditure of £188,021, and loans outstanding £3,867,168; whilst the latter had a revenue of £22,518, an expenditure of £23,984, and a debt of about £428,025. In Queensland there were in 1897 twelve Waterworks Boards whose revenue (exclusive of loans), chiefly derived from rates and the sale of water, was £46,521 (excluding £15,000 loan from Government), ordinary expenditure £37,297, and capital expenditure £19,698; they had, moreover, loans outstanding (advanced from Government loans) amounting to £314,549. In Tasmania there were also twelve Water Trusts with a revenue of £4,616, and an expenditure of £4,786. In New Zealand there were also eight Land Drainage Districts, one Water Supply District, with revenues respectively of £1,759 and £924; and expenditures of £8,723 and £6,774; also loans (exclusive of Government loans), £15,200.

\* The information relating to the municipal loans of South Australia was not available, but on 30th June, 1897, the amount due to Government was £26,918 for wire netting. As against the loans, there were sinking funds as follow:—Victoria, £569,728 (£25,101 on account of Government loans); New South Wales, £234,460; Tasmania, £41,751; New Zealand, £291,072. —† As against these loans were the following amounts at credit of sinking funds:—Tasmania, £1,638; New Zealand, £235,611.

<sup>1</sup> Including expenditure from loans. — <sup>2</sup> Including Government loans. — <sup>3</sup> Boroughs and counties, but contained within the counties were 282 Town Districts and Road Districts. — <sup>4</sup> Exclusive of £189,809 other receipts (not revenue) consisting of loans, special grants from Government, and subscriptions for ordinary and special works. — <sup>5</sup> Including £93,770 interest paid on account of Government loans.



TABLE XVI.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1897.

Name of Colony.	Value of Imports.				Value of Exports.				Value of Exports of Home Production.
	From the United Kingdom.*	From the Australasian Colonies.	From other Countries.	Total.	To the United Kingdom.*	To the Australasian Colonies.	To other Countries.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	6,004,798	6,752,595	2,697,089	15,454,482	9,559,249	4,961,840	2,218,581	16,739,670	12,829,394
New South Wales	7,557,069	9,602,277	4,585,004	21,744,350	8,728,828	8,174,666	6,847,578	23,751,072	17,057,543
Queensland ...	2,501,952	2,323,035	604,204	5,429,191	3,322,703	5,645,626	123,228	9,091,557	8,831,450
South Australia Proper ...	2,057,267	3,846,508	1,222,610	7,126,385	2,182,946	2,961,212	1,784,257	6,928,415	2,484,140
Do., Northern Territory ...	31,349	78,362	40,990	150,701	19,503	105,983	16,849	142,335	141,032
Western Australia	2,624,086	3,277,300	517,179	6,418,565	1,736,205	1,980,218	223,675	3,940,098	3,218,569
Total ...	20,776,521	25,880,077	9,667,076	56,323,674	25,549,434	23,829,545	11,214,168	60,593,147	44,562,128
Tasmania ..	397,510	929,745	40,353	1,367,608	274,497	1,458,093	11,871	1,744,461	1,721,959
New Zealand ...	5,392,738	1,000,003	1,662,482	8,055,223	8,168,123	1,323,884	524,986	10,016,993	9,596,267
Grand Total...	26,566,769	27,809,825	11,369,911	65,746,505	33,992,054	26,611,522	11,751,025	72,354,601	55,880,354

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Total Imports from—			Proportion of Total Exports to—			Value per Head of—†		Exports of Home Produce.	
	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.	Imports.	Exports.	Value per Head.†	Percentage of Total Exports.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Victoria ...	38·86	43·69	17·45	57·11	29·64	13·25	13 3 7	14 5 6	10 18 10	76·64
New South Wales	34·75	44·16	21·09	36·75	34·42	28·83	16 11 10	18 2 6	13 0 4	71·82
Queensland ...	46·08	42·79	11·13	36·55	62·09	1·36	11 6 11	19 0 1	18 9 2	97·14
South Australia Proper ...	28·87	53·98	17·15	31·51	42·74	25·75	19 19 6	19 8 5	6 19 3	35·85
Do., Northern Territory ...	20·80	52·00	27·20	13·70	74·46	11·84	30 18 0	29 3 8	28 18 4	99·08
Western Australia	40·88	51·06	8·06	44·07	50·26	5·67	41 4 3	25 5 11	20 13 4	81·69
Total ...	36·89	45·95	17·16	42·17	39·33	18·50	16 4 1	17 8 5	12 16 3	73·54
Tasmania ...	29·07	67·98	2·95	15·73	83·59	·68	8 1 11	10 6 6	10 3 10	98·71
New Zealand ...	66·95	12·41	20·64	81·54	13·22	5·24	11 3 3	13 17 8	13 6 0	95·80
Grand Total...	40·41	42·30	17·29	46·98	36·78	16·24	15 1 0	16 11 3	12 15 10	77·23

NOTE.—There is reason to believe that both imports and exports are over-valued in most of the colonies. The following is the information for 1898, so far as available:—*Imports*—Victoria, £16,768,184; New South Wales, £24,453,560; Western Australia, £5,241,965; Tasmania, £1,650,018. *Exports*—Victoria, £15,872,246; New South Wales, £27,648,117; Western Australia, £4,950,005; Tasmania, £1,803,369.

\* It is believed that the real origin of a considerable proportion of these imports is not the United Kingdom but the Continent of Europe; and in like manner the ultimate destination of a large proportion of the exports to the United Kingdom is probably the same.

In calculating these results the mean populations shown in the second-last column of Table I. have been used.

TABLE XVII.—IMPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES (VALUE), 1897.

Articles	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.				
I.—FIT FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Natural Products.</i>									
Foods—									
Live Stock—Cattle ...	145,328	454,671	28,286	91,373	240	166,757	3,211	100	889,966
"    Sheep ...	237,898	327,360	140,574	48,657	2,536	104,793	11,158	1,140	874,116
"    Pigs ...	3,314	6,425	152	5,412	...	9,256	4	..	24,563
Meats—Fresh or Salted—									
"    "    Beef ...	256	3,283	16	73	...	32,178	566	...	78,718
"    "    Mutton ...	204		...		...		...		
"    "    Pork ...	990		4		4		...		
"    Frozen or Chilled—									
"    Beef ...	796		...		...		...		
"    Mutton ...	40,314		...		...		...		
"    Pork ...	34		...		...		...		
Fish—Dried, Fresh, Preserved, and Salted ...	101,733	127,944	36,746	28,079	895	36,412	495	38,903	371,207
"    Frozen ...	...	2,060	92	...	...	...	...	...	2,152
Grain—Oats ...	12,486	93,740	15,689	9,597	507	109,719	65	85	241,888
"    Rice ...	66,536	74,150	44,204	11,618	6,157	12,925	5,180	35,882	256,652
"    Beans and Peas ...	1,615	9,168	3,065	961	49	2,108	103	319	17,388
Fruit—Fresh, and Nuts of all sorts ...	71,042	250,753	73,426	17,674	593	22,922	13,083	106,320	555,813
Onions ...	100	38,918	20,490	454	285	13,545	640	4,547	78,979
Potatoes ...	1,638	191,968	61,102	12,209	522	43,795	109	1,924	313,267
Tea ...	273,338	345,609	106,403	77,907	1,701	56,174	33,971	178,350	1,073,453
For Transport—Horses ...	141,583	114,264	9,591	7,418	...	31,831	1,374	16,651	322,712
Animal and Vegetable Substances—									
Manures (including Guano and Bone-dust) ...	22,663	18,033	3,020	16,891	23	10,926	25,076	89,230	185,862
Hay and Chaff ...	7,954	213,466	31,521	42,008	841	59,020	...	...	354,810
Heat, Light, and Energy—Coal ...	228,647	1,213	19,674	202,428	890	94,938	9,299	98,139	655,228
(b) <i>Manufactured Articles.</i>									
Foods—									
Meats—Canned—									
"    "    Beef ...	16,846	45,413	3,191	6,850	1,139	60,906	3,260	2,356	139,961
"    "    Mutton ...									
Bacon and Hams ...	1,089	49,166	633	9,287	625	78,148	278	298	139,524
Butter ...	10,114	120,885	11,498	60,726	980	188,478	18,691	71	411,443
Milk—Condensed and Preserved ...	12,072	63,429	28,253	15,983	1,044	73,799	...	15,332	209,912
Wheaten Flour and Biscuits ...	16,661	629,384	415,315	6,536	5,666	209,463	422	1,197	1,284,644
Oatmeal ...	416	22,451	11,619	13,833	91	11,092	8	...	59,510
Sugar—Refined ...	243,005	12,645	365	440,460	2,592	108,462	3,779	169,938	981,246
Fruits—Dried Currants and Raisins ...	52,650	121,058	39,215	26,932	485	18,283	8,156	70,460	337,239
"    Canned and Bottled ...	4,277	943	5,609	5,084	3	32,049	234	12,675	60,874
"    Jams, Jellies, and Pulp ...	2,949	47,422	8,111	8,549	1,167	52,334	371	6,872	127,775
Coffee—Ground and Essence ...	4,012	2,159	2,617	1,153	267	1,593	1,159	5,139	18,099
Cocoa and Chocolate ...	26,552	49,038	13,706	17,678	109	8,482	3,831	28,907	148,393
Stimulants—Spirits ...	237,928	374,649	130,540	68,261	4,125	136,143	18,835	178,201	1,148,682
"    Wine ...	44,267	62,523	23,481	12,348	1,008	54,677	6,187	50,202	254,693
"    Beer, Cider, and Perry ...	86,368	291,436	79,315	47,128	2,543	152,543	8,814	39,614	707,761
Narcotics—Tobacco, manufactured, and Snuff ...	99,642	108,852	49,186	27,081	3,356	46,951	21,261	110,245	466,574
"    Cigars and Cigarettes ...	62,352	134,158	26,598	19,501	253	50,832	7,901	52,051	353,646
"    Opium ...	14,802	30,821	46,056	415	11,380	3,319	644	4,884	112,321
Salt, Refined ...	17,981	52,868	29,284	400	225	2,313	2,720	29,128	134,919
Textile Fabrics and Dress—									
Textiles—									
Wool and Worsted Manufactures ...	15,049	471,043	††	2,158	*	781	*	3,196	492,227
Blankets ...	35,231	55,465	24,057	13,145	488	11,876	*	14,514	154,776
Cotton and Linen Manufactures ...	135,668	*	†	709	†	672	*	13,612	150,661
Carpets and Rugs ...	67,942	59,090	4,921	18,671	187	26,945	6,489	48,249	232,494
Silk Manufactures ...	95,146	97,871	1,437	*	*	*	*	9,752	204,206
Bags and Sacks (including Woolpacks) ...	171,065	178,451	58,449	61,336	98	32,239	29,596	129,386	660,620
Dress—									
Hosiery ...	143,849	961,236	44,856	49,753	*	*	*	83,796	322,254
Apparel and Slops ...	170,676		133,066	144,505	2,645	258,125	*	362,389	2,032,642
Hats, Caps, and Bonnets ...	56,627	174,538	54,643	37,396	*	31,131	*	63,310	417,645
Gloves ...	84,830	80,638	17,298	*	*	*	*	*	182,766
Boots and Shoes ...	33,962	303,579	39,350	69,095	2,452	101,040	32,777	132,203	714,458
All other kinds and unenumerated (including Drapery and Haberdashery) ...	368,718	1,649,680	117,599	222,640	2,967	361,308	339,188	435,784	3,497,884
Building Materials—									
Timber, Dressed ...	119,845	101,306	1,475	132,766	1,569	94,713	13,375	5,599	470,648
Cement ...	8,000	80,642	31,875	2,453	511	16,261	3,379	38,906	182,027
For Transportation—									
Railway and Tramway Material (for use of Government, &c.) ...	42,542	152,995	24,390	6,170	...	647,588	17,839	136,571	1,028,095
Bicycles and Tricycles ...	217,802	236,003	58,347	71,207	...	73,158	...	126,915	783,432
Anchors ...	21	536	1,607	104	56	385	...	359	3,068
Vegetable Matters—									
Paper of all kinds ...	296,071	280,760	65,276	54,614	138	34,991	18,416	127,980	878,246
Derived from Fats, Oils, &c.—									
Soap ...	24,524	69,142	8,370	6,711	345	16,726	3,829	22,300	151,947
Candles ...	10,053	51,112	3,100	7,513	595	10,921	2,845	31,816	117,955

[ See following page for notes.]



TABLE XVII.—IMPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES (VALUE), 1897—continued.

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queens- land.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.				
Metal Manufactures—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Machinery, Tools, and Imple- ments† ...	346,248	844,347	319,860	186,459	21,202	470,175	87,895	565,611	2,841,797
Iron—Buckets and Tubs ...	96	...	...	...	56	...	535	1,798	2,485
„ Bedsteads ...	...	25,162	...	4,743	49	8,927	...	...	38,881
„ Castings (Fire-bars, &c.) ...	3,679	10,970	1,806	766	3	...	...	1,124	18,348
„ Grates and Stoves ...	6	...	...	3,406	56	6,603	...	...	10,071
„ Tanks ...	2,298	13,699	6,696	5,310	31	16,138	...	8,177	52,349
„ Wire, Barbed Wire, and Wire Netting ...	134,633	207,480	140,580	65,913	1,327	20,793	...	130,686	701,412
„ Safes and Doors ...	...	5,135	...	1,969	89	6,988	...	...	14,181
Hardware and Ironmongery (in- cluding Hollowware) ...	362,881	302,495	162,716	119,509	981	133,214	63,495	334,763	1,480,054
Precious Metals—									
Gold—Bullion ...	2,081,961	2,041,646	18,298	12,491	...	2,200	...	...	4,156,596
„ Specie ...	11,093	1,149,819	11,870	2,500	20,500	45,000	50,000	550	1,291,332
Silver—Bullion ...	492	1,012	79	377	...	...	7	93	2,060
„ Specie ...	13,553	26,326	22,609	300	...	20,600	620	59,317	143,325
Ceramics—Porcelain, Chinaware, and Earthenware ...	68,134	111,140	24,009	19,960	275	20,264	13,523	71,519	328,824
„ Glass and Glassware ...	66,595	86,982	20,612	24,071	469	27,563	6,673	81,107	314,072
Heat, Light, and Energy—									
Coke and Charcoal ...	7,541	104,742	101	80,524	13	2,165	11,796	6,555	213,437
Kerosene Oil ...	123,601	98,455	55,614	28,383	774	32,747	9,541	83,072	432,187
Literature, &c.—									
Books, Printed, and Periodicals	169,063	145,838	52,550	47,776	175	18,914	31,140	116,485	581,941
Stationery ...	44,240	143,596	33,189	41,683	912	45,302	574	92,871	402,367
Miscellaneous—									
Government and Military Stores	35,344	...	223,937	34,700	2,209	188,286	13,372	...	497,848
II.—REQUIRING FURTHER MANUFACTURE.									
(a) Raw Materials.									
Foodstuffs—									
Grain—Wheat ...	202,292	190,483	95,111	226,127	43	51,282	3,527	1,033	769,898
Sugar—Raw ...	542,713	549,803	1,517	1,449	...	278	95,234	203,469	1,394,463
Coffee—Raw ...	44,339	27,224	4,606	12,191	9	3,580	1,226	15,105	108,280
Cocoa Nibs ...	9 887	2,432	41	...	...	29	...	1,722	14,111
Hops ...	19,836	37,403	17,071	12,403	48	10,723	1,008	6,429	104,921
Tobacco—Unmanufactured ...	41,086	28,436	1,148	10,888	...	3,843	...	2,593	87,994
Salt—Rock and unrefined ...	579	6,822	858	31	13	82	88	924	9,397
Animal Matters—									
Wool ...	1,964,731	892,581	10,417	352,572	...	...	210	374	3,220,885
Hides and Skins ...	284,881	321,719	869	45,800	...	10	4,727	17,894	675,900
Shells—Pearl, Tortoise, &c. ...	...	7,799	...	...	...	...	...	2,139	9,938
Vegetable Matters—Timber, rough	131,883	328,755	9,273	105,650	...	64,019	237	54,923	694,740
Fats, &c.—Tallow ...	49,271	118,185	1,687	10,446	55	1,994	348	1,828	183,814
Metals, Minerals—									
Iron Ore ...	322	1,619	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Copper Ore and Copper (un- manufactured) ...	6,350	31,200	2,743	87,421	199	2,798	217	16,970	284,593
Tin Ore and Ingot ...	13,900	61,929	84	20,420	13	2,888	...	35,520	...
Silver Ore and Silver Lead ...	...	14,836	12,421	1,642,201	...	...	...	...	1,669,458
(b) Partly Manufactured.									
Foodstuffs—Malt ...	168	106,249	52,292	9,923	1	27,933	499	848	197,913
Textiles—									
Woollen Piece Goods ...	563,755	§	160,296	141,940	527	*	*	272,446	1,138,964
Cotton and Linen Piece Goods	839,643	*	349,838	236,677	2,621	*	*	456,872	1,885,651
Silk Piece Goods ...	210,217		15,007	*	*	*	*	74,548	299,772
For Transportation—Bicycles, parts of ...	101,341	¶	810	16,147	...	...	...	64,146	182,444
Animal Matters—Leather ...	90,008	75,143	25,611	14,216	545	25,998	1,506	75,559	308,586
Minerals, Metals, &c.—									
Iron—Angle, bar, rod, bolts and nuts, galvanized, sheet, girders, H-rolled, hoop, pig, pipes, plate, scrap, sheet, nails and screws, steel, steel cranks and tires, and steel cordage ...	483,766	539,561	284,164	262,286	4,757	330,870	51,489	437,275	2,394,168
Miscellaneous—									
Drugs and Chemicals **	265,738	421,245	123,461	90,853	2,706	91,770	25,692	216,222	1,237,687
III.—UNCLASSIFIED.									
All other Articles ...	1,706,245	3,165,670	956,577	883,994	25,691	918,563	213,811	1,406,859	9,277,410
Total Imports ...	15,454,482	21,744,350	5,429,191	7,126,385	150,701	6,418,565	1,367,608	8,055,223	65,746,505

\* Included under the head of Dress, all other kinds, and unenumerated—I. (b).

† Included with Cotton and Linen Piece Goods.

‡ Including steam-engines and boilers, machinery and implements undefined, sewing machines, weighing machines, cutlery, tools and utensils, forges and anvils, printing presses, chaff cutters, lawn mowers, wheelbarrows, cream separators, lithographic machinery, &c.

§ Included with Wool and Worsted Manufactures—I. (b).

|| Included with Silk Manufactures—I. (b).

¶ Included with Bicycles and Tricycles—I. (b).

\*\* Including acids and alkalies, alum, essences and essential oils, sulphur, naphtha, cream of tartar, gelatine, glycerine, nitrate of silver, and drugs unenumerated.

†† Included with Woollen Piece Goods.

NOTE.—The following are other principal articles of import of special interest to individual colonies named:—

Victoria.				Western Australia.			
Indiarubber goods	£	87,119	Camels	£	34,875		
Lead	£	61,965	Furniture	£	58,402		
Vegetables—Fresh	£	37,770	Vegetables—Preserved	£	18,473		
	Queensland.		Carts, carriages, and waggons	£	20,530		
Musical instruments	£	27,533	Cheese	£	20,300		
Jewellery	£	19,645		Tasmania.	£		
	South Australia.		Oilmen's stores	£	21,164		
Oil	£	30,290		New Zealand.	£		
Carriages and carts	£	3,337	Grass and clover seeds	£	51,771		
			Fancy goods and toys	£	100,824		

TABLE XVIII.—EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES (VALUE), 1897.

(Including Re-Exports.)

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.				
I.—FIT FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Natural Products.</i>									
Foods—									
Live Stock—Cattle ...	67,498	255,711	535,873	23,421	23,211	...	...	2,176	907,890
"    Sheep ...	113,195	411,354	262,886	22,967	1,612	1,188	24,344	4,240	841,786
"    Pigs ...	7,636	9,691	5,075	612	...	...	56	390	23,460
Meats—Fresh or Salted—Beef	1,112	9,638	5,026	1,276	...	...	33	6,041	24,042
"    "    Mutton	251	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
"    "    Pork	76	...	479	...	...	...	...	110	
Frozen or Chilled—Beef	4,954	28,868	614,061	1,978	...	...	...	52,690	2,585,436
"    "    Mutton	124,431	246,250	45,199	...	...	...	...	1,465,699	
"    "    Pork	808	358	...	...	...	...	...	140	
Grain—Oats ...	27,429	16,430	28	3,141	...	...	12,874	167,229	227,131
"    Beans and Peas ...	2,207	1,646	12	272	...	...	3,050	15,128	22,315
"    Potatoes ...	63,650	28,299	2,841	9,144	7	90	124,349	20,992	249,372
Fruit, Fresh and Dried (including Nuts of all kinds) ...	89,142	128,960	88,204	58,512	10	...	150,231	2,655	517,714
Heat, Light, and Energy—Coal ...	396	952,054	9,376	24,242	...	25,802	619	75,373	1,087,862
For Transport—									
Horses ...	141,255	169,069	29,330	23,547	1,810	2,047	4,269	5,459	376,786
Animal and Vegetable Substances—									
Manures (including Guano and Bone-dust) ...	15,519	67,421	48,337	2,607	...	3,250	...	545	137,679
(b) <i>Manufactured Articles.</i>									
Foods—									
Butter ...	886,012	264,096	16,771	36,753	...	57	...	402,605	1,606,294
Cheese ...	10,192	12,078	131	3,824	...	...	109	150,517	176,851
Flour and Biscuit ...	51,518	424,633	3,384	231,672	...	...	252	108,669	820,128
Oatmeal ...	30,689	4,986	125	1,764	...	...	...	19,022	56,586
Sugar and Molasses—Refined ...	158,012	234	691,801	100,061	...	95	19	6,314	956,536
Fruits—Canned and Bottled ...	9,254	110	772	13,717	...	...	4,348	149	28,350
"    Jams, Jellies, and Preserves ...	19,282	7,343	1,073	27,228	...	...	31,716	547	87,189
Stimulants—Wine ...	64,543	19,152	687	90,281	...	28	10	1,264	175,965
Narcotics—Tobacco (Manufactured) and Snuff	56,586	34,943	3,495	13,785	...	77	342	2,330	185,310
"    Cigars and Cigarettes	23,448	37,326	820	8,979	...	264	...	2,915	
Textiles, Fabrics, and Dress—									
Wool and Worsted Manufactures	1,292	40,991	24	598	...	*	*	...	42,905
Blankets ...	2,093	861	200	2,132	...	41	702	1,519	7,548
Cotton and Linen Manufactures	10,521	*	859	728	...	*	*	68	12,176
Carpets and Rugs ...	5,228	1,997	271	3,784	...	263	*	2,953	14,496
Silk Manufactures ...	5,144	6,186	...	*	...	*	*	...	11,330
Bags and Sacks (including Wool-packs) ...	50,387	57,395	1,229	27,012	...	856	256	2,239	139,374
Dress—									
Hosiery ...	8,673	*	765	11,716	...	*	*	1,339	22,493
Apparel and Slops ...	164,285	28,186	3,260	53,302	147	1,861	*	9,056	260,097
Hats, Caps, and Bonnets ...	13,852	5,115	800	8,139	...	*	*	215	28,121
Gloves ...	10,584	3,758	161	*	...	*	*	*	14,503
Boots and Shoes ...	53,633	42,721	3,652	36,764	5	507	248	1,129	138,659
All other kinds and unenumerated (including Drapery and Haberdashery) ...	51,212	155,335	5,569	53,325	...	4,482	2,220	2,970	275,113
Building Materials—									
Timber—Dressed ...	18,799	20,567	134	52,230	4	...	28,619	12,670	133,023
Vegetable Matters—									
Bark ...	17,693	3,115	12	39,665	...	...	26,429	556	87,470
Derived from Fats, Oils, &c.—									
Candles ...	4,617	7,468	599	11,612	...	...	...	84	24,380
Precious Metals—									
Gold—Bullion ...	193,811	408,738	2,568,702	69,134	81,024	2,564,977	226,288	980,302	7,092,976
"    Specie ...	6,278,507	4,346,647	60,184	246,670	149	626,080	...	273,242	11,831,479
Silver—Bullion ...	118	14,978	48,315	856,384	...	...	...	20,872	940,667
"    Specie ...	2,321	19,909	70	900	...	...	2,575	2,529	28,304
Heat, Light, and Energy—									
Coke and Charcoal ...	3,138	31,162	1,412	34,806	...	...	...	...	70,518
REQUIRING FURTHER MANUFACTURE.									
(a) <i>Raw Materials.</i>									
Foodstuffs—									
Grain—Wheat ...	225,957	305,302	269	4,325	...	...	24	14,703	550,580
Hops ...	13,883	10,720	266	3,988	...	...	18,373	13,629	60,859
Sugar—Raw ...	2,542	88,596	...	536	...	...	...	1,200	92,874
Tobacco—Unmanufactured ...	4,658	3,043	1,358	766	...	...	...	...	9,825
Fruit Pulp ...	593	1,243	35	330	...	...	8,778	...	10,979

[See following page for notes.]



TABLE XVIII.—EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES (VALUE), 1897—continued.  
(Including Re-Exports.)

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
				Proper.	Northern Territory				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Animal Matters—									
Wool ... ..	3,999,813	8,920,285	2,509,342	1,309,909	6,856	295,646	264,630	4,443,144	21,749,625
Hides and Skins ... ..	353,227	772,584	438,211	200,571	4,490	37,996	42,891	245,973	2,095,943
Shells—Pearl and Tortoise ... ..	...	9,066	130,069	...	15,686	‡60,496	...	1,733	217,050
Vegetable Matters—									
Timber—Rough ... ..	10,005	66,095	7,682	98	...	§241,931	7,037	141,613	474,461
Fats, &c.—									
Tallow ... ..	162,585	504,227	272,528	5,929	...	2,104	1,344	259,964	1,208,681
Metals—Minerals—									
Copper—Ore and Unmanufactured ... ..	1,993	303,715	21,388	243,207	145	1,033	317,437	...	888,918
Tin—Ore and Ingot ... ..	5,782	111,829	36,824	636	10	3,275	150,586	106	309,048
Silver Ore and Silver Lead ... ..	675	1,686,582	14,486	1,588,503	...	...	216,893	...	3,507,139
(b) <i>Partly Manufactured.</i>									
Foodstuffs—									
Malt ... ..	21,556	4,252	251	6,936	...	...	4,332	30,962	68,289
Textiles—									
Woollen Piece Goods ... ..	47,349	...	1,149	22,465	...	...	...	8,925	79,888
Animal Matters—									
Leather ... ..	358,755	304,179	6,146	60,526	...	104	4,943	99,198	833,851
III.—UNCLASSIFIED.									
All other articles ... ..	2,665,294	2,333,575	589,549	1,271,006	7,169	65,548	63,235	930,901	7,926,277
Total Exports ... ..	16,739,670	23,751,072	9,091,557	6,928,415	142,335	3,940,098	1,744,461	10,016,993	72,354,601

\* Included under the head of Dress all other kinds, and unenumerated.

‡ Including pearls valued at £20,000.

† Included with Timber—Undressed.

§ Including sandalwood, £49,480.

NOTE.—The following are particulars of other chief Exports of interest to individual colonies:—

Victoria.				£	South Australia.				£
Oil of all kinds .. ..	..	..	..	59,758	Eggs .. ..	..	..	..	50,034
Spirits—Brandy .. ..	..	..	..	40,698	Salt .. ..	..	..	..	34,967
Onions .. ..	..	..	..	31,097	Bran .. ..	..	..	..	10,278
Soap .. ..	..	..	..	15,162					
New South Wales.				£	Western Australia.				£
Copra .. ..	..	..	..	43,799	Jewellery .. ..	..	..	..	3,020
Bones .. ..	..	..	..	20,600					
Fish—Dried and Preserved .. ..	..	..	..	13,528	Tasmania.				£
Fresh and Frozen .. ..	..	..	..	1,310	Oil—Eucalyptus .. ..	..	..	..	2,864
Oysters .. ..	..	..	..	3,760					
Queensland.				£	New Zealand.				£
Fish—Shell (Oysters) .. ..	..	..	..	17,351	Kauri Gum .. ..	..	..	..	398,010
Bêche-de-mer .. ..	..	..	..	6,902	Grass and Clover Seeds .. ..	..	..	..	47,188
					Phormium .. ..	..	..	..	31,111
					Fish .. ..	..	..	..	18,535
					Copra .. ..	..	..	..	10,444
					Fungus .. ..	..	..	..	10,240

TABLE XIX.—SHIPPING, 1897.

Name of Colony.	Inwards.		Outwards.		Total.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria ... ..	1,888	2,437,190	1,882	2,428,182	3,770	4,865,372
New South Wales ... ..	3,345	3,331,877	3,120	3,412,554	6,465	6,744,431
Queensland ... ..	642	569,610	654	559,290	1,296	1,128,900
South Australia Proper... ..	1,178	1,774,476	1,191	1,785,673	2,369	3,560,149
Do., Northern Territory	80	93,798	76	93,738	156	187,536
Western Australia ... ..	721	1,196,760	707	1,181,072	1,428	2,377,832
Total ... ..	7,854	9,403,711	7,630	9,460,509	15,484	18,864,220
Tasmania ... ..	699	542,049	717	542,119	1,416	1,084,168
New Zealand ... ..	600	686,899	587	675,333	1,187	1,362,232
Grand Total ... ..	9,153	10,632,659	8,934	10,677,961	18,087	21,310,620

TABLE XX.—GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1896-7.

Name of Colony.	Gauge.	Miles Open —		Miles being Con-structed.	Capital Cost of Lines Open for Traffic at end of year.*		Revenue Account.†							
		At End of Year.			Average.	Amount.	Average per Mile Open.	Gross Receipts.‡		Working Expenses.			Net Receipts.	
		Total.	Per 1,000 Inha-bitants.					Amount.	Average per Train Mile.	Amount.	Percentage of Receipts.	Per Train Mile.	Amount.	Percentage of Capital Cost.§
ft.	in.				£	£	£	d.	£		d.	£		
Victoria ... ..	5 3	3,113 1	2·65	3,110	...	38,325,517	12,311	2,615,935	68·03	1,563,805	59·78	40·67	1,052,129	2·75
New South Wales ... ..	4 8½	2,640	2·01	2,575	?	37,369,205	14,155	3,014,742	88·99	1,676,218 2	55·60	49·48	1,338,524	3·61
Queensland ... ..	3 6	2,515	5·26	2,458	88	17,280,569	6,871	1,179,273	57·30	684,146	58·01	33·24	495,127	2·88
South Australia Proper ...	5 3	495	4·83	1,723	...	12,599,892	7,309	1,025,035	66·95	614,254	59·93	40·12	410,781	3·26
South Australia Northern Territory	3 6	1,229			...									
Western Australia    ... ..	3 6	146	29·94	146	...	1,155,730	7,916	17,908	137·28	18,966	105·91	145·39	—4,058	—·35
	3 6	970	6·23	830	382	4,359,241	4,494	915,483	86·60	577,655	63·10	54·64	337,828	11·17
Total ... ..	...	11,108	3·19	10,842	470	111,090,154	10,001	8,768,376	73·73	5,135,044	58·56	43·18	3,630,331	3·32
Tasmania ... ..	3 6	425	2·52	425	18	3,526,322	8,297	166,833	52·34	128,544	77·05	40·33	38,289	1·09
New Zealand ... ..	3 6	2,018	2·80	2,016	122	15,577,392	7,719	1,286,158	90·54	789,054	61·35	55·55	497,104	3·21
Grand Total ... ..	...	13,551	3·10	13,283	610	130,193,868	9,608	10,221,367	74·98	6,052,642	59·22	44·40	4,165,724	3·25

Name of Colony.						Real Interest, &c., per cent. payable on Debenture Capital.¶	Traffic.†					
							Train Mileage.		Passenger Journeys.		Goods and Live Stock.	
							Total.	Per Head.	Number.**	Average per Mile Open.	Tons Carried.	Average Tonnage per Mile Open.
Victoria ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	4·04	9,228,687	7·85	42,263,638	13,590	2,383,445 3	766
New South Wales ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	3·96	8,130,405	6·27	22,672,924	8,805	4,567,041	1,774
Queensland ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	4·23	4,939,159	10·46	3,976,510	1,618	1,243,603 4	506
South Australia Proper ...	...	...	...	...	}	4·20	3,674,713	10·34	5,789,297	3,360	1,146,293	665
South Australia Northern Territory	...	...	...	...								
Western Australia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	3·91	31,308	6·35	3,080	21	3,150	22
	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,537,192	18·39	3,608,400	4,347	845,225	1,018
Total ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	4·07	28,541,464	8·29	78,313,849	7,223	10,188,757	940
Tasmania ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	3·98	764,938	4·60	603,530	1,420	229,620	540
New Zealand ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	4·27	3,409,218 5	4·77	7,006,200	3,475	2,461,127	1,221
Grand Total ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	4·09	32,715,620	7·57	85,923,579	6,469	12,879,504	970

[For Notes, see next page.]



NOTE.—The figures for Tasmania relate to the calendar year 1897, and those for New Zealand to the year ended 31st March, 1897. In other cases the figures relate to the year ended 30th June, 1897.

\* The amounts included in these columns generally represent the actual expenditure on construction, irrespective of the cost of floating loans, and without regard to the deficiencies below or premiums received above the nominal amount of loans for railway purposes as contracted by the different colonies, except South Australia, which includes on this account £433,621, also interest paid during construction, £56,035. If the cost of floating, discounts, &c., were so included, the capital cost would be increased in the colonies named by the following amounts:—Victoria, £548,697; New South Wales, about £1,800,000; Queensland, about £400,000. The capital cost includes contributions from the general revenue as follow:—In Victoria, £2,803,740; New South Wales, £2,192,211; South Australia, £476,222; Western Australia, £208,016. In regard to the relative cost of constructing the lines in the different colonies, it should be borne in mind that a much larger proportion of double lines exists in Victoria than in any other colony.

† Including the traffic of 17 miles in Victoria and 7½ miles in Tasmania worked by Government for a shire council and a private company respectively.

‡ Including £15,000 credited by the Government for free passes in New South Wales. In South Australia over £417,729 of the amount shown was derived from the line to Broken Hill, N.S.W.

§ The calculations in this column are based on the average capital cost, as follow:—Victoria, £38,214,186; New South Wales, £37,110,700; Queensland, £17,179,151; South Australia (Proper), £12,591,667; Northern Territory (S.A.), £1,153,476; Western Australia, £3,025,650; Tasmania, £3,526,322 (cost of average miles worked); New Zealand, £15,501,462.

|| Exclusive of Cossack to Roebourne Tramway, 8½ miles long, constructed at a cost of £21,586; its gross earnings in 1895-6 were £3,388, and working expenses £3,163, resulting in a net profit (without allowing for interest on capital) of £225. In 1896-7 the net receipts were £340.

¶ Computed to 30th June, 1896. The difference between these rates and those shown in the preceding column indicates, approximately, the rates of profit or loss for the year on the capital invested, allowing the same rate of interest on the direct contributions by the State as on the Loan Capital invested.

\*\*\* The number of passenger journeys have been carefully computed for all the colonies on the following uniform basis:—There has been allowed 720 journeys for each yearly, 360 for each half-yearly, 180 for each quarterly, 60 for each monthly, 2 for each return, and 1 for each single ticket issued to adults and youths; and one-half of those numbers respectively for tickets issued to boys and girls. No allowance has been made for free passes issued; whilst the figures for South Australia are also exclusive of journeys on yearly and half-yearly *contract* tickets available for all lines. The numbers given differ in many cases from those returned by the various colonies, which are not compiled in a uniform manner. In comparing the railway traffic in Victoria and New South Wales the large metropolitan tramway traffic, as well as the steam-boat traffic in the latter colony, must also be taken into account; and it must also be borne in mind that in New South Wales the trams, being under State control, run only to districts and places not served by railways, and do not, therefore, enter into competition with the latter; whereas in Victoria the metropolitan trams, belonging as they do to a private company, enter into competition with the State railways in nearly all directions.

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of 16½ miles dismantled during the year, but capital cost still included.

<sup>2</sup> Including annual instalment of £75,000 towards the redemption of a loan of £1,000,000 for the reconstruction and improvement of rolling-stock and permanent way.

<sup>3</sup> Each consignment of goods is reckoned as a unit.

<sup>4</sup> Exclusive of live stock.

<sup>5</sup> Exclusive of 1,014,388 miles ballasting and shunting. It is probable, however, that this item is also excluded in the other colonies.

*Private Railways.*—In addition to Government lines, there were also private lines, as follow, in the colonies named:—New South Wales, 84½ miles, constructed at a cost of £561,961, besides about 200 miles of coal lines; South Australia, 16; Western Australia, 391; Tasmania, 70; New Zealand, 167 miles.

*Tramways.*—These are not included in the foregoing table. On the 30th June, 1897, there were 48 miles of street tramways (chiefly cable) in the metropolis of Victoria, constructed by a municipal trust at a cost of £1,705,794, but leased to a company, which works the lines, the traffic receipts from which in 1896-7 amounted to £352,019, and the passengers carried numbered 34,774,777; in New South Wales, in 1896-7, 62½ miles of street tramways, all worked by steam power, except 4½ miles of cable and 3½ miles of electric tramways, constructed by the Government at a cost of £1,452,670, the gross receipts for the year being £306,695, the working expenses £248,881, and the estimated number of passenger journeys (allowing 2½d. for each) 26,766,000; also ¾ miles of private lines in New South Wales; in the metropolis of Queensland, 15 miles, the gross receipts of which in 1896-7 were £30,300; and in Western Australia 8½ miles of Government lines, constructed at a cost of £21,767, from which the gross receipts were £3,686, the working expenses, £2,491, net revenue, £1,195; in Tasmania 9 miles of electric tramways, at a cost of £90,000, the gross receipts in 1897 being £12,205, and the working expenses, £8,562; also 2 miles worked by steam, constructed at a cost of £1,750. There are other lines in the colonies named, but of less importance.

ADDENDUM.  
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1897-8.

Name of Colony.	Length Open.	Capital Cost of Lines Open at end of Year.	Gross Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Net Receipts.	Percentage of Net Revenue to Mean Capital Cost.
	Miles.	£	£	£	£	
Victoria .. .. .	3,097	38,593,205	2,608,895	1,646,054	962,842*	2·50
New South Wales .. .. .	2,691	37,719,402	3,026,748	1,689,605†	1,337,143	3·56
Queensland .. .. .	2,635	18,056,285	1,215,811	686,066	529,745	3·00
South Australia, Proper .. .. .	1,724	12,764,106	984,228	603,474	380,754	3·00
„ „ Northern Territory .. .. .	146	1,155,152	14,124	20,268‡	— 6,144	—·53
Western Australia .. .. .	992	5,519,011‡	1,019,677	786,318	233,359	4·72
New Zealand .. .. .	2,055	15,993,903	1,376,008	857,191	518,817	3·29

\* Including amounts for Dookie and Katamatite Tramway (17 miles—not included in length open).

† Including the annual instalment of £75,000 referred to in Note 2 of the foregoing table.

‡ The cost of average miles worked was £5,047,261.

TABLE XXI.—POSTAL RETURNS, 1897.

Name of Colony.	Number of Post Offices.	Number passing through the Post Office (counted once).			
		Letters and Post Cards.		Newspapers.	
		Total.	Per Head of Population.	Total.	Per Head of Population.
Victoria ... ..	1,572 <sup>1</sup>	*	*	*	*
New South Wales ... ..	1,503 <sup>1</sup>	74,024,854	56·48	42,426,394	32·37
Queensland ... ..	1,126	18,370,937	38·40	11,496,656	24·03
South Australia ... ..	681	19,128,982	52·90	9,421,986	26·05
Western Australia <sup>2</sup> ... ..	178	12,898,552	82·82	6,744,536	43·30
Total ... ..	5,060	*	*	*	*
Tasmania ... ..	336	8,164,384	48·33	5,095,792	30·17
New Zealand ... ..	1,524	34,371,916	47·63	14,261,345	19·76
Grand Total ... ..	6,920	*	*	*	*

NOTES.—The numbers given for letters and newspapers represent those posted in the colony (counted once), added to those received from abroad.

Newspapers posted in New South Wales, Western Australia, and Tasmania travel free to places within the colony itself. In the other colonies a small postage fee is charged on newspapers to all places.

\* Where asterisks occur, the information has not been furnished or cannot be completed.

<sup>1</sup> There are also 17 receiving offices in Victoria, and 510 in New South Wales.

<sup>2</sup> In Western Australia, prior to 1897, letters and newspapers were erroneously counted at every Post Office through which they passed.

TABLE XXII.—TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES, 1897.

Name of Colony.	Telegraphs.								Amount Received.	Telephones and Private Wires.			
	Miles open on 31st Decembert (exclusive of Telephones).					Telegrams Transmitted.				Number of Public Exchanges.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Sub- scribers—Ex- change and Other.	Amount Received.
	Postal Department.		Railway Department.		Cable.	Paid.	Unpaid.	Total.					
	Line.	Wire.	Line.	Wire.									
Victoria ...	3,823	9,378	3,124	4,996	...	1,747,229	74,405	1,821,634	99,194	13	10,705 <sup>1</sup>	3,088	39,986
New South Wales	12,778	33,073	2,691	5,000	...	2,309,667	...	2,309,667 <sup>2</sup>	152,651	26 <sup>3</sup>	1,842 <sup>4</sup>	6,726	39,613
Queensland ...	10,090	18,472	...	...	56	1,055,565	109,569	1,165,134	72,409	8	1,117	1,127	6,107
South Australia	5,525	11,526	337	2,901	...	*	*	1,229,469 <sup>5</sup>	110,748	8	2,914	1,095	15,916
Western Australia	5,958	8,236	...	...	...	1,182,062	123,941	1,306,003	98,697	9	1,527 <sup>1</sup>	1,589 <sup>†</sup>	11,886
Total ...	38,174	80,685	6,152	12,897	56	*	*	7,831,907	533,699	64	*	13,625	113,508
Tasmania ...	1,484	2,446	400	684	427	186,131	43,579	229,710	15,530	4	570	810	3,526
New Zealand § ...	6,484	18,024	...	...	242	2,469,415	226,818	2,696,233 <sup>6</sup>	99,799	29	5,648	5,787	36,422
Grand Total	46,142	101,155	6,552	13,581	725	*	*	10,757,850	649,028	97	*	20,222	153,456

NOTE.—The telegrams refer to those *transmitted* only, those *received* from places outside each colony being excluded, except in Queensland, where the latter are also included. It is questionable, however, whether it would not be better to uniformly include those received from abroad in all the colonies.

\* Where asterisks occur, the information has not been furnished or is incomplete.

† Telephone line and wire are excluded.

‡ Including 244 connexions at Government departments.

§ Figures in this case are for the year ended 31st March, 1898.

<sup>1</sup> Excluding wire used solely for railway purposes, viz., 975 miles in Victoria, and 1,857 in Western Australia. —<sup>2</sup> Including messages *in transitu*, 127,566. —<sup>3</sup> In addition there were twenty bureaux for the use of the public. —<sup>4</sup> Length of line. —<sup>5</sup> Excluding about 100,000 international telegrams transmitted on behalf of other colonies. —<sup>6</sup> Exclusive of Cable business.



TABLE XXIII.—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF GOVERNMENT POST, TELEGRAPH, AND TELEPHONE DEPARTMENTS, 1897.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Revenue.								
	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total Australasia.
REVENUE.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Postage, &c.—									
Ordinary ... ..	370,789	449,330	134,213	119,568	87,844	1,161,744	53,611	255,300	1,470,655
O.H.M.S. ... ..	...	31,857	27,000	5,546	9,592	73,995	...	(*72,521)	73,995
Money Orders and Postal Notes ... ..	19,785	24,225	6,785	5,917	13,553	70,265	3,264	16,863	90,392
Telegrams—									
Ordinary ... ..	99,194	137,865	72,409	108,275	96,843	514,586	15,530	99,799	629,915
O.H.M.S. ... ..	...	14,786	(*11,078)	2,473	1,854	19,113	...	(*24,504)	19,113
Telephones and Private Wires—									
Ordinary ... ..	38,982	35,818	6,107	14,064	10,310	105,281	3,526	36,422	153,456
O.H.M.S. ... ..	1,004	3,795	...	1,852	1,576	8,227	...		
Total ... ..	529,754	697,676	246,514	257,695	221,572	1,953,211	75,931	408,384	2,437,526
Total, exclusive of O.H.M.S. ... ..	528,750	647,238	219,514	247,824	208,550	1,851,876	75,931	408,384	2,336,191
Expenditure.†									
WORKING EXPENSES AND MAINTENANCE.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries and Allowances to Officers ... ..	316,150	389,965	143,266	113,599	154,519	1,117,499	30,814	213,026	1,361,339
Conveyance of Mails by—									
(a) Contract Packets ... ..	37,867	45,304	22,151	12,213	10,992	143,980	24,278	38,356	687,048
(b) Non-Contract Vessels ... ..		7,716	4,040	2,308	1,389				
(c) Railway ... ..	56,992	69,254	40,000	15,352	8,414	190,012	51,253	51,253	51,253
(d) Road ... ..	38,653	89,876	51,096	21,267	38,277	239,169			
Cable Subsidies and Guarantees ... ..	13,847	17,009	1,830	5,295	1,185	39,166	2,095	1,849	43,110
Printing, Stamps, Books, Forms, &c. ... ..	4,688	11,932	...	5,617	2,929	25,166	...	59,919	333,002
Clothing, Stores, Fuel, Light, and Water ... ..	11,354	5,963	11,562	7,523	8,474	44,876	...		
Rates Paid to Municipalities, &c. ... ..	...	2,477	...	...	...	2,477	...		
Rent ... ..	...	...	1,210	278	872	2,360	...		
Maintenance of Buildings, Furniture, &c. ... ..	2,508	4,258	14,001	1,271	...	190,123	4,604	4,604	4,604
Maintenance of Telegraph and Telephone Lines, Instruments, and Receiving Pillars ... ..	1,745	79,039		10,332	28,983				
Other (if any) ... ..	10,453		23,120	9,119	5,294	...	3,477	...	
Total ... ..	494,257	722,793	312,276	204,174	261,328	1,994,828	65,268	364,403	2,424,499

\* Estimated value—not counted as revenue. In the case of Telegrams O.H.M.S. in Queensland, it is stated that if work done for the meteorological service, free shipping, savings bank, &c., were also taken into account, the amount would be increased from £11,078 to £62,558.

† Including expenditure by other Government Departments on account of Postal Department

XXIIIa.—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF STATE POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENTS  
IN AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA.—SUMMARY FOR FOUR YEARS.

Colony.	Number of Officers at end of 1897.	Revenue, exclusive of O.H.M.S.				Working Expenses.			
		1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	2,194	523,164	503,990	512,647	528,750	582,523	531,259	503,581	494,257
New South Wales...	3,278	563,815*	578,236	624,305*	647,238	784,180	778,680	755,332	722,793
Queensland ...	1,100†	188,615	207,693	211,712	219,514	296,251	295,065	300,479	312,276
South Australia ...	1,913†	198,293	219,291	250,061	247,824	190,643	194,849	197,766	204,174
Western Australia	1,310	56,099	106,111	179,146	208,550	77,459	118,298	222,421	261,328
Total Australia	9,795	1,529,986	1,615,321	1,777,871	1,851,876	1,931,056	1,918,151	1,979,579	1,994,828
Tasmania ...	709	53,922	56,006	72,539	75,931	71,767	62,421	61,689	65,268
Total Six Colonies	10,514	1,583,908	1,671,327	1,850,410	1,927,807	2,002,823	1,980,572	2,041,268	2,060,096

\* Revised and corrected since last publication.  
† Figures for 1896.

TABLE XXIV.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED AND IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, 1897.

Name of Colony.	Area of Colony in Acres.†	During the Year 1897.					
		Sold by Auction, Private Contract, &c.			Selected under System of Deferred Payments.‡	Granted without Purchase.	Total Extent Wholly or Conditionally Alienated.
		Area.	Amount of Purchase Money.	Average Price per Acre.			
		acres.	£	£ s. d.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria ...	56,245,760	4,470	18,266	4 1 9	54,960	1,518	60,948
New South Wales ...	197,872,000	26,692	74,125	2 15 6	490,639	3,846	521,177
Queensland ...	427,663,360	149,998	84,539	0 11 3	259,844	481	410,323
South Australia Proper	243,075,200	6,673	7,902	1 3 8	...	54	6,727
Do. Northern Territory	335,116,800	1	10	10 0 0	...	...	1
Western Australia ...	624,588,800	31,120	82,831	2 13 3	491,813	330	523,263
Total ...	1,884,561,920	218,954	267,673	1 4 5	1,297,256	6,229	1,522,439
Tasmania ...	16,880,000	592	22,719	38 7 6	24,518	...	25,110
New Zealand ...	66,861,464	22,525	18,226	0 16 2	81,416	25,602	129,543
Grand Total	1,968,303,384	242,071	308,618	1 5 6	1,403,190	31,831	1,677,092

Name of Colony.	At the End of 1897.—Extent—				
	Alienated in Fee simple.§		In Process of Alienation under System of Deferred Payments.	Under perpetual leases or in occupation with right of purchase.	Remainder of Colony.
	Sold.	Granted without Purchase.			
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria ...	18,116,133	78,523	4,929,962	34,859	33,086,283
New South Wales ...	24,444,582	408,492	20,886,016	13,150,749	138,982,161
Queensland ...	12,889,902	69,792	1,854,399	...	412,849,267
South Australia Proper	7,221,213	107,997 <sup>1</sup>	705,593	10,813,956	224,226,441
Do. Northern Territory	473,092	48	...	1,682	334,641,978
Western Australia ...	6,230,345	*	2,616,699	*	615,741,756
Total ...	69,375,267	*	30,992,669	*	1,759,527,886
Tasmania ...	4,768,900	*	*	*	12,111,100
New Zealand ...	14,517,608	7,385,656 <sup>2</sup>	387,046	1,618,344 <sup>3</sup>	42,952,810 <sup>4</sup>
Grand Total	88,661,775	*	*	*	1,814,591,796

\* Where asterisks occur, the information has not been furnished or cannot be completed.

† These areas do not exactly agree with those officially furnished in some cases. See footnote (\*) to Table I., ante.

‡ The purchase money for selected land varies in the different colonies from 10s. to 30s. per acre, payable by annual instalments (generally without interest) extending over a period of 10 or 20 years. For particulars of the terms and conditions under which such land is acquired, see *Victorian Year-Book*, under the head of "Production."

§ Including only that of which the purchase has been completed. In New South Wales, the extent sold includes areas granted prior to 1862.

|| Exclusive of the extent estimated to have been forfeited for non-fulfilment of conditions, &c., except in the case of Western Australia.

<sup>1</sup> In previous publications land granted for educational endowment, dedicated for forest reserves, &c., but leased, were included here.

<sup>2</sup> These figures relate partly to lands in respect to which Crown Grants have been issued either to the original Maori possessors or to Europeans or Maoris who have purchased from them under certain Native Land Acts. Lands reserved for various public purposes are also included, which is not the case in other colonies.

<sup>3</sup> Consisting of 541,534 under perpetual lease, 659,822 under leases in perpetuity, and 414,988 under occupation with right of purchase.

<sup>4</sup> Of this extent, about 14,000,000 acres belong to the Maoris or to Europeans who have purchased from them. The area of land purchased by the Government from the Maoris up to 31st March, 1897, was 6,741,594 acres, besides 1,606,156 acres of which the purchase was not completed, for which £1,789,834 (including £1,307,554 raised by loan) was paid as purchase money and expenses.



TABLE XXV.—STATE PRIMARY EDUCATION, 1897.

Name of Colony.	At the End of 1897.				Gross Enrolment of Scholars during 1897.		
	Number of State Schools.	Number of Teachers.			Males.	Females.	Total.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
Victoria ...	1,877	1,802	2,815	4,617	122,414	115,894	238,308
New South Wales ...	2,577	2,421	2,205	4,626	136,013 <sup>1</sup>	120,953 <sup>1</sup>	256,966
Queensland ...	797	825	1,000	1,825	49,361	45,667	95,028
South Australia ...	655	404	837	1,241	35,120 <sup>1</sup>	32,032 <sup>1</sup>	67,152
Western Australia ...	167	142	229	371	6,694	5,568	12,262
Total ...	6,073	5,594	7,086	12,680	349,602	320,114	669,716
Tasmania ...	282	215	305	520	11,756	10,003	21,759
New Zealand ...	1,585	1,456	2,172	3,628 <sup>2</sup>	88,759 <sup>1</sup>	83,530 <sup>1</sup>	172,289
Grand Total ...	7,940	7,265	9,563	16,828	450,117	413,647	863,764

Name of Colony.	Scholars in Average Daily Attendance during the Year.			Estimated Number of Distinct Children Attending during the Year.	Expenditure on State Education.*			Cost of Instruction and Administration per Head of—	
	Total Number.	Number to each Teacher.	Percentage of Scholars on the Rolls.		Amounts contributed by—		Total.	Mean Population.	Scholars in Average Attendance.
					State.†	Parents, &c., in Fees.			
					£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	140,593	30	59'00	211,438	585,053	2,026 <sup>3</sup>	587,079	0 10 0	4 3 7
New South Wales ...	148,381	32	57'74	226,157	618,711	73,684	692,395	0 10 7	4 13 4
Queensland ...	59,748	33	62'87	85,229	199,646	...	199,646	0 8 4	3 6 10
South Australia ...	42,193	34	62'83	61,643	135,347	1,498	136,845	0 7 8	3 4 10
Western Australia ...	8,976	24	73'20	9,000	42,197	3,584	45,781	0 5 11	5 2 0
Total ...	399,891	31	59'71	593,467	1,580,954	80,792	1,661,746	0 9 7	4 3 1
Tasmania ...	12,022	23	55'25	16,634	35,274	9,973	45,247	0 5 4	3 15 3
New Zealand ...	110,993	31	64'42	147,000	432,216	3,859 <sup>4</sup>	436,075	0 12 1	3 18 7
Grand Total ...	522,906	31	60'54	757,101	2,048,444	94,624	2,143,068	0 9 10	4 2 0

NOTE.—The State system of education is now compulsory and undenominational (or secular) in all the colonies, Western Australia having been the last to abolish grants to denominational schools by commuting them in 1896 for a lump sum of £15,000. Public instruction is free in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and New Zealand; but fees are charged in the other colonies, although they are partially or entirely remitted in cases where the parents are unable to pay them. The prescribed school age differs in the various colonies—In Victoria it is from 6 to 13 years; in New South Wales and Western Australia, from 6 to 14; in Queensland, from 6 to 12; in South Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, from 7 to 13. For further particulars relating to the educational systems of the various colonies, see *Victorian Year-Book*.

\* The figures under this head represent the cost of State (Primary) Education, including expenditure on Head Office, staff, and inspection, but exclusive only of expenditure on buildings (either for repairs or erection) and rent. In the case of New Zealand, however, rent is included, as the amount could not be separated.

† Portions of the amounts in this column are derived from Education Reserves, &c., viz., £6,185 in South Australia, and £38,857 in New Zealand.

<sup>1</sup> These figures have been estimated in the office of the Government Statist, Melbourne.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of 183 sewing mistresses.

<sup>3</sup> For extra subjects.

<sup>4</sup> In the figures for New Zealand, amounts received by Boards from local sources and sums raised locally by School Committees are also included.

TABLE XXVI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1897-8.—LAND IN CULTIVATION.

Name of Colony.	Number of Acres under Tillage.		Number of Acres under—										
	Total.	Per Head of Population.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. *	Potatoes.	Hay.	Vines.	Artificial Grasses and Green Forage.	Land in Fallow.	Other Tillage.
Victoria ...	3,260,312	2·77	1,657,450	294,183	37,205	10,847	13,818	44,197	580,000	27,701	138,425	399,535	56,951
New South Wales	2,198,231	1·66	993,350	28,605	5,151	209,588	3,181	23,816	401,073	8,083	438,203	...	87,181
Queensland	401,902	·83	59,875	1,834	2,077	109,721	915	8,197	48,220	2,167	35,546	14,402	118,948
South Australia	2,604,122	7·17	1,522,668	31,398	13,232	...	2,917	6,449	449,167	18,761	28,801	507,484	23,245
Western Australia	176,397	1·09	38,705	1,678	1,694	243	428	1,361	80,938	2,654	4,278	39,898	4,520
Total ...	8,640,964	2·46	4,272,048	357,698	59,359	330,399	21,259	84,020	1,559,398	59,366	645,253	961,319	290,845
Tasmania ...	499,535	2·91	85,905	38,166	4,097	68	10,378	22,357	57,828	...	228,041	31,199	21,496
New Zealand	†1,684,443	2·31	315,801	354,819	29,920	14,837	11,661	36,402	268,896	264	†438,864	60,792	152,187
Grand Total	10,824,942	2·45	4,673,754	750,683	93,376	345,304	43,298	142,779	1,886,122	59,630	1,312,158	1,053,310	464,528

NOTE.—Land in fallow is not included in New South Wales; and land under permanent artificial grasses is not included in New Zealand. See also Note †.

\* Chiefly beans and pease.

† In the figures for New Zealand, the land under permanent artificial grass, amounting to 9,798,684 acres—of which about one-half had been, and the other half had not been, previously ploughed—is not entered as green forage, nor is it included in the total area under tillage, as in the majority of the other colonies. Were the whole so placed, it would bring the land under tillage up to 11,483,127 acres, or to 15·75 acres per head of the population. The green forage entered above consists of 23,739 acres of green oats, 11,444 acres of green wheat, 2,447 acres of rye, 3,944 acres of barley, 393,451 acres of turnips, 1,475 acres of green maize, 263 acres of pease, 68 acres of vetches or tares, 268 acres of other crops, and 1,735 acres for ensilage. In Victoria, in like manner, there are large tracts of land under permanent artificial grasses, which are not included; it is only returned for holdings on which other cultivation also exists.

MISCELLANEOUS CROPS (INCLUDED IN “OTHER TILLAGE”).

a.—Area in Acres.

Name of Colony.	Root Crops.				Tobacco.	Hops.	Sugar Cane.		Oranges.		Market Gardens.	Other Gardens and Orchards.
	Turnips.	Mangelwurzel.	Beet, Carrots, and Parsnips.	Onions.			Total.	Productive.	Total.	Productive.		
Victoria ...	187	876	1,922	3,751	522	918	...	...	570 <sup>1</sup>	?	8,341	35,422
New South Wales	414	55	...	381	2,181	...	25,865	12,936	13,943	10,097	6,384	31,019
Queensland	...	...	...	...	755	...	98,641	65,432	2,196	?	...	3,878
South Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,395 <sup>1</sup>	?	...	20,628
Western Australia	...	...	...	54	...	...	...	...	290	111	713	3,618
Tasmania ...	3,106	1,536	264	123	...	542	...	...	...	...	...	11,695
New Zealand	... <sup>2</sup>	9,353	2,330	...	...	845	...	...	...	...	3,119	35,181

b.—Produce.

							tons of Sugar.	cwt. <sup>5</sup>	Bees.	
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	cwt.	cwt.			Honey. lbs.	Wax. lbs.
Victoria ...	851	5,584	10,993	11,217	3,419 <sup>3</sup>	3,628	...	7,071	195,163	7,782.
New South Wales	2,133	428	...	921	19,718	...	24,217 <sup>4</sup>	161,482	1,876,719	48,747
Queensland	...	...	...	...	5,703	...	97,916	41,535	...	...
South Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,596	155,665	?
Western Australia	...	...	...	152	...	...	...	?	93,948	3,795
Tasmania ...	29,307	15,421	2,242	539	...	6,915	...	...	...	...
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Area estimated from the number of trees, which alone were returned, assuming 75 orange trees to the acre.

<sup>2</sup> In New Zealand the area under turnips was 393,451 acres, which was included with green forage.

<sup>3</sup> Produce estimated, returns being incomplete.

<sup>4</sup> Estimated at 9 per cent. of cane produced. In the corresponding table for last year, the produce was erroneously set down as 2,882 tons, instead of 28,825 tons.

<sup>5</sup> Produce originally returned in cases in New South Wales and South Australia, and in dozens in Queensland, which have been converted into cwt. on the assumption that a case weighs 40 lbs. and contains 14 dozen oranges.



MISCELLANEOUS CROPS—continued.

Crops peculiar to individual colonies—				New South Wales—			
Victoria—	Area (Acres).	Produce.		Pumpkins and melons	Area (Acres).	Produce.	
Grass seeds .. ..	3,301	30,522 bushels		..	5,432	18,676 tons	
Flax .. ..	168	{ Fibre 134 cwt. Seed 453 "		Queensland—			
Fruit gathered for sale—				Arrowroot .. ..	391	2,888 tons tubers	
Apples .. ..	..	167,906 cwt.		Coffee .. ..	311	81,614 lbs.	
Pears .. ..	..	39,858 "		Cotton .. ..	48	19,977 "	
Quinces .. ..	..	14,877 "		Sweet potatoes ..	3,581	17,466 tons	
Plums .. ..	..	58,123 "		Fruit—			
Cherries .. ..	..	35,526 "		Bananas .. ..	4,828	16,494,604 dozen	
Peaches .. ..	..	45,549 "		Pineapples .. ..	909	351,524 "	
Apricots .. ..	..	56,161 "		South Australia—			
Lemons .. ..	..	10,725 "		Almond trees, No. 136,834 ..	..	1,913 cwt.	
Figs .. ..	..	4,180 "		Olive " " 51,824 ..	..	5,310 gallons oil	
Raspberries .. ..	..	6,525 "		Lemon " " 54,124 ..	..	9,775 cases	
Strawberries .. ..	..	3,189 "		Raisins .. ..	..	4,168 cwt.	
Gooseberries .. ..	..	6,727 "		Currants (Dried) .. ..	..	867 "	
Olives .. ..	..	422 "		Western Australia—			
Currants (red, white, black)	..	1,350 "		Other root crops .. ..	133	371 tons	
Melons .. ..	..	17,021 "		Tasmania—			
Rhubarb .. ..	..	170,466 doz. bundles		Grass Seeds .. ..	3,638	61,500 bushels	
Tomatoes .. ..	..	51,788 cwt.		Flax .. ..	16	7,300 lbs.	
Almonds .. ..	..	36,506 lbs.		Fruit—			
Walnuts .. ..	..	12,113 "		Apples .. ..	8,669	407,750 bushels	
Dried Fruit produced—				Pears .. ..	1,224	25,774 "	
Apples .. ..	..	2,258 lbs.		New Zealand—			
Prunes .. ..	..	8,051 "		Flax (Phormium) .. ..	—	21,770 <sup>1</sup> tons	
Peaches .. ..	..	39,420 "		Linseed .. ..	1,945 <sup>1</sup>	?	
Apricots .. ..	..	220,757 "					
Figs .. ..	..	35,371 "					
Raisins .. ..	..	13,234 cwt.					
Currants .. ..	..	462 "					

<sup>1</sup> In 1896-7.

TABLE XXVII.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1897-8.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

Name of Colony.	Bushels raised of—					Tons raised of—		Gallons of Wine made.
	Wheat.*	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.†	Potatoes.	Hay.	
Victoria .. ..	10,580,217	4,809,479	758,454	515,025	161,237	67,296	659,635	1,919,389
New South Wales ..	10,560,111	543,946	99,509	6,713,060	46,401	55,332	405,353	864,514
Queensland .. ..	1,009,293	31,496	49,840	2,803,172	21,319	18,520	94,339	207,945
South Australia ..	4,014,852	204,444	162,065	..	31,936	9,308	298,184	1,283,094
Western Australia ..	408,595	29,266	23,423	4,826	4,733	4,270	75,464	89,099
Total .. ..	26,573,068	5,618,631	1,093,291	10,036,083	265,626	154,726	1,532,975	4,364,041
Tasmania .. ..	1,668,341	1,102,285	69,992	..	152,126	49,124	78,849	..
New Zealand .. ..	5,670,017	9,738,391	709,874	541,550‡	188,908‡	121,947‡	403,344‡	..
Grand Total .. ..	33,911,426	16,459,307	1,873,157	10,577,633	606,660	325,797	2,015,168	4,364,041

Name of Colony.	Bushels per Acre of—					Tons per Acre of—	
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria .. ..	6.38	16.35	20.39	47.48	11.67	1.52	1.14
New South Wales ..	10.63	19.02	19.32	32.03	14.59	2.32	1.01
Queensland .. ..	16.86	17.17	24.00	25.55	23.30	2.26	1.96
South Australia ..	2.64	6.51	12.25	..	10.95	1.44	.66
Western Australia ..	10.56	17.44	13.83	19.86	11.06	3.14	.93
Total .. ..	6.22	15.71	18.42	30.38	12.49	1.84	.98
Tasmania .. ..	19.42	28.88	17.08	..	14.66	2.20	1.36
New Zealand .. ..	17.95	27.45	23.72	36.50‡	16.20‡	3.35‡	1.50‡
Grand Total .. ..	7.26	21.93	20.06	30.63	14.01	2.28	1.07

\* In 1898-9 the wheat crop was as follows for the colonies named, the figures being subject to revision :—Victoria, 19,557,532 bushels; New South Wales, 9,232,000; South Australia (unofficial), 9,816,666; New Zealand (expected), 11,865,000 bushels.

† Chiefly pease and beans.

‡ Estimated.

TABLE XXVIII.—LIVE STOCK, 1897-8.

\*\*\* The Live Stock Statistics are collected in most of the colonies simultaneously with the Agricultural Statistics in the months of February and March.

Name of Colony.	Number of—			
	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.
Victoria * ... ..	431,547	1,833,900	13,180,943	337,588
New South Wales ... ..	498,034	2,085,096	43,952,897	207,738
Queensland ... ..	479,280	6,089,013	17,797,883	110,855
South Australia Proper ... ..	164,820	274,255	5,032,541	46,894
Do., Northern Territory ... ..	14,972	265,894	59,537	1,770
Western Australia ... ..	62,222	244,971	2,210,742	31,809
Total ... ..	1,650,875	10,793,129	82,234,543	736,654
Tasmania ... ..	29,898	157,486	1,588,611	43,520
New Zealand ... ..	252,834	1,209,165	19,673,725	186,027
Grand Total ... ..	1,933,607	12,159,780	103,496,879	966,201

Name of Colony.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.
Victoria * ... ..	4.91	37	20.87	155	150	1,118	3.84	29
New South Wales ... ..	1.61	37	6.74	157	142	3,321	.67	15
Queensland ... ..	.71	99	9.11	1,256	26	3,672	.17	23
South Australia Proper ... ..	.43	46	.72	77	13	1,405	.12	13
Do., Northern Territory ... ..	.03	311	.51	5,517	.1	1,235	.003	37
Western Australia ... ..	.06	38	.25	151	2.3	1,365	.03	19
Total ... ..	.56	47	3.66	307	28	2,343	.25	21
Tasmania ... ..	1.13	17	5.97	92	60	925	1.65	25
New Zealand ... ..	2.42	34	11.57	166	188	2,699	1.78	26
Grand Total ... ..	.63	44	3.97	277	33	2,347	.31	22

\* The figures for Victoria are for the year 1894-5.

TABLE XXIX.—WOOL PRODUCTION, 1897.

Name of Colony.	Wool Imported.		Wool Exported.		Wool used in Manu- facture in the Colony.		Wool Production, 1897.				Proportion of Exports of Wool to Total General Exports.	Average Export Price per lb.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value at 9d. per lb.	Quantity. <sup>1</sup>		Value.			
							Total.	Average to each Sheep in the Colony. <sup>2</sup>	Total.	Average per Head of Population.		
Victoria .. ..	lbs. 70,895,519	£ 1,964,792	lbs. 123,572,693	£ 3,999,813	lbs. 2,780,000	£ 104,250	lbs. 55,457,174	lbs. 4.21	£ 2,139,271	£ s. d. 1 16 6	per cent. 23.89	d. 7½
New South Wales	27,289,203	892,581	285,797,725	8,920,285	660,250	24,759	259,168,772	5.90	8,052,463	6 2 11	37.56	7½
Queensland .. ..	335,926	10,417	76,360,239	2,509,342	513,000	19,237	76,537,313	4.30	2,518,162	5 5 3	27.60	8
South Australia proper	12,883,900	352,572	47,050,644	1,309,909	..	..	34,166,744	6.79	957,337	2 13 8	18.91	6¾
Do., Northern Ter- ritory	..	..	281,626	6,856	..	..	281,626	3.58	6,856	1 8 1	4.81	5
Western Australia	..	..	12,174,881	295,646	..	..	12,374,881	5.60	295,646	1 17 11	7.50	5¾
Total .. ..	111,404,548	3,220,362	545,437,808	17,041,851	3,953,250	148,246	437,996,510	5.32	13,969,735	4 0 3	28.13	7½
Tasmania .. ..	12,693	210	8,144,026	264,630	369,000	13,837	8,500,333	5.35	278,257	1 13 0	15.17	7¾
New Zealand .. ..	14,828	374	135,835,117	4,443,144	3,298,469	123,693	139,118,758	7.07	4,566,463	6 6 7	44.36	7¾
Grand Total .. ..	111,432,069	3,220,946	689,416,951	21,749,625	7,620,719	285,776	585,605,601	5.65	18,814,455	4 6 1	30.06	7½

NOTE.—Net export of wool in 1898:—Victoria, 66,224,165 lbs., valued at £2,228,620; New South Wales, 249,057,242 lbs., valued at £8,368,647; Queensland, 86,578,960 lbs., valued at £3,009,196; South Australia, 33,322,132 lbs., valued at £908,702; Western Australia, 10,126,306 lbs., valued at £287,731; and Tasmania, 7,792,976 lbs., valued at £254,960.

<sup>1</sup> These figures are made up of the sum of the total quantities exported from and used for manufactures in, less the quantities imported by, the respective colonies. The wool referred to is, of course, not homogeneous in quality, some being greasy and some washed or scoured. The Government Statistician of New South Wales has estimated that the equivalent weight in greasy wool of the whole clip for that colony was 286,507,805 lbs. — <sup>2</sup> In Victoria the average weight of a greasy fleece is estimated by experts at 5½ lbs. for merino, and 6 lbs. for crossbred and long wool; but the fleece of the former sometimes weighs as much as 9½ lbs., and of the latter 9 lbs.



TABLE XXX.—CHILLED OR FROZEN MEAT EXPORTED, 1897.

(Less Imports from other Colonies.)

Name of Colony.	Beef.		Mutton.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	lbs.	£	lbs.	£
Victoria ... ..	484,500	4,158	8,785,600	84,117
New South Wales ... ..	4,358,816	28,868	52,080,784	246,250
Queensland ... ..	59,343,678	617,552	3,490,095	45,199
South Australia ... ..	...	...	158,676	1,978
Total ... ..	64,186,994	650,578	64,515,155	377,544
New Zealand ... ..	5,604,928	52,690	144,657,184	1,459,596
Grand Total ... ..	69,791,922	703,268	209,172,339	1,837,140

NOTE.—There were no exports from Tasmania or Western Australia.

TABLE XXXI.—BREADSTUFFS IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, 1897.

Colony.	Wheat, Flour, and Biscuit.*		Excess of—	
	Imported.	Exported.	Imports over Exports.	Exports over Imports.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Victoria ... ..	1,034,541	994,897	39,644	...
New South Wales ... ..	3,716,241	3,154,168	562,073	...
Queensland ... ..	2,139,205	15,555	2,123,650	...
South Australia † ... ..	891,077	896,540	...	5,463
Western Australia ... ..	1,026,025	...	1,026,025	...
Total ... ..	8,807,089	5,061,160	3,745,929‡	...
Tasmania ... ..	17,982	1,118	16,864	...
New Zealand ... ..	5,720	575,391	...	569,671
Grand Total ... ..	8,830,791	5,637,669	3,193,122‡	...

NOTE.—In Victoria, during 1898, the quantity imported was 778,692 bushels (including 9,162 bushels in the form of bread and dough); whilst that exported was 2,619,482 bushels, thus resulting in a net export of 1,840,790 bushels. In New South Wales, in the same year, there was also a net export of 1,145,118 bushels, in South Australia of 1,172,248 bushels, and in Tasmania of 197,683 bushels; but in Queensland and Western Australia a net import of 2,124,340 and 1,046,965 bushels respectively. Thus in the Australasian Colonies as a whole, exclusive of New Zealand, there was in 1898 a surplus exported amounting to about 1,184,500 bushels.

\* Including bread and dough. For Victoria the quantities have been reduced to their equivalent in bushels of wheat, on the assumption that 39·822 lbs. of flour, 46 lbs. of biscuit, 53½ lbs. of bread, or 59 lbs. of dough are equivalent to 1 bushel of wheat. For the other colonies 40 lbs. of flour, biscuit, bread, or dough have been taken as the equivalent of 1 bushel of wheat.

† Exclusive of Northern Territory.

Net figures.

TABLE XXXII.—BUTTER AND CHEESE IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, 1897.

Name of Colony.	Butter.				Cheese.			
	Imported.	Exported.	Net Exports.*		Imported.	Exported.	Net Exports.*	
			Total.	To Countries outside Australasia.			Total.	To Countries outside Australasia.
Quantity.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Victoria ...	204,639	22,194,467	21,989,828	17,208,656	34,175	437,146	402,971	30,718
New South Wales ...	2,884,287	6,655,761	3,771,474	5,705,253	821,223	638,884	-182,339	126,068
Queensland ...	237,882	425,690	187,808	408,901	17,795	3,268	-14,527	159
South Australia proper ...	1,105,346	747,160	-358,186	3,472	180,717	162,334	-18,323	-6,960
Ditto, Northern Territory	14,741	...	-14,741	-694	5,947	...	-5,947	-193
Western Australia ...	3,877,428	1,140	-3,876,288	-3,498	970,418	...	-970,418	-11,341
Total ...	8,324,323	30,024,218	21,699,895	23,322,090	2,030,275	1,241,692	-788,583	138,451
Tasmania ...	401,451	...	-401,451	...	16,426	4,768	-11,658	-822
New Zealand ...	1,680	11,088,224	11,086,544	9,047,472	6,384	8,700,496	8,694,112	7,644,672
Grand Total ...	8,727,454	41,112,442	32,384,988	32,369,562	2,053,085	9,946,956	7,893,871	7,782,301
Value.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ...	10,114	886,012	875,898	654,419	1,747	10,192	8,445	40
New South Wales ...	120,885	264,096	143,211	219,013	17,819	12,078	-5,741	863
Queensland ...	11,498	16,771	5,273	15,740	511	131	-380	8
South Australia proper ...	60,726	36,753	-23,973	104	4,235	3,824	-411	-279
Ditto, Northern Territory	980	...	-980	-46	186	...	-186	-11
Western Australia ...	188,478	57	-188,421	-165	20,300	...	-20,300	-452
Total ...	392,681	1,203,689	811,008	889,065	44,798	26,225	-18,573	169
Tasmania ...	18,691	...	-18,691	...	348	109	-239	-28
New Zealand ...	71	402,605	402,534	319,977	115	150,517	150,402	130,863
Grand Total ...	411,443	1,606,294	1,194,851	1,209,042	45,261	176,851	131,590	131,004

NOTE.—Net export of butter in 1898:—Victoria, 17,388,993 lbs.; New South Wales, 7,759,421 lbs.; Queensland, 942,509 lbs.; and South Australia 316,222 lbs. Net import—Western Australia, 4,102,200 lbs.; Tasmania, 859,265 lbs.

\* The minus sign (–) indicates a net import.

TABLE XXXIII.—BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCED IN FACTORIES, 1897.

Name of Colony.	Butter Produced.		Cheese Produced.	
	Total.	Per Head of Population.	Total.	Per Head of Population.
Quantity.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Victoria ...	28,810,883	24.56	2,317,987	1.97
New South Wales * ...	23,713,509	18.09	2,221,377	1.69
Queensland ...	3,477,878	7.27	1,897,272	3.96
Total ...	56,002,270	18.90	6,436,636	2.17
Tasmania ...	572,466	3.38	26,381	.15
New Zealand ...	10,037,440	13.90	10,109,120	14.00
Grand Total ...	66,612,176	17.29	16,572,137	4.30

\* Including the produce of farms using steam dairy appliances, which was not so included in Victoria.

NOTE.—Particulars for South Australia are not available. In New Zealand, in 1891, the production of butter in factories and on farms was 16,310,012 lbs., of which 1,969,759 lbs. was produced in factories; and that of cheese was 6,975,698 lbs., of which 4,390,400 lbs. was made in factories. In addition to the quantities shown in the table, large quantities were also returned as having been made on farms in the following colonies:—

Name of Colony.	Made on Farms.		Total for Colony.	
	Butter.	Cheese.	Butter.	Cheese.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Victoria ...	6,325,538	2,293,698	35,136,421	4,611,685
New South Wales ...	5,696,457 <sup>a</sup>	1,715,791 <sup>a</sup>	29,409,965	3,937,168
Queensland ...	2,208,109	394,144	5,685,987	2,291,416
Western Australia ...	270,897	612	270,897	612

<sup>a</sup> Excluding the produce of farms using steam dairy appliances, which was reckoned as having been made in factories.



TABLE XXXIV.—GOLD PRODUCTION.

Name of Colony.	Gold Raised—					
	Prior to 1897.		During 1897.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.*	Quantity.	Value.*	Quantity.	Value.*
	oz.	£	oz.	£	oz.	£
Victoria ...	61,034,682	244,138,728	812,766	3,251,064	61,847,448	247,389,792
New South Wales ...	11,717,616	43,399,958	292,217	1,088,413	12,009,833	44,488,371
Queensland ...	11,198,991	39,196,258	807,928	2,553,141	12,006,919	41,749,399
South Australia †	531,944	1,985,970	33,900	120,044	565,844	2,106,014
Western Australia ...	1,078,956	4,100,038	674,994 <sup>a</sup>	2,564,977	1,753,950	6,665,015
Total ...	85,562,189	332,820,952	2,621,805	9,577,639	88,183,994	342,398,591
Tasmania ...	895,396	3,416,900	71,131	289,241	966,527	3,706,141
New Zealand ...	13,313,907	52,392,430	251,645	980,204	13,565,552	53,372,634
Grand Total ...	99,771,492	388,630,282	2,944,581	10,847,084	102,716,073	399,477,366

NOTE.—The figures for Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland express the quantity and value of all the gold known to have been raised in those colonies since the period of its first discovery in Australia in 1851; those for South Australia are estimated chiefly from the returns of the Melbourne and Sydney Mints, and partly from the export returns; those for New Zealand express the total gold entered for duty for export from the earliest period; and those for Tasmania express the quantity known to have been raised since 1866, there being no record of the gold raised prior to that period. There being no reliable returns of the gold raised in Western Australia, the yield prior to 1889 has been estimated roughly at 100,000 ozs., to which have been added the quantities which have since appeared in the export returns of the colony, which, however, are admittedly very defective. The yield in 1898 was as follows, so far as available:—

YIELD FOR 1898.

Victoria .. .. .	ozs.	837,258	Western Australia .. .. .	ozs.	1,050,183
New South Wales .. .. .	340,494		Tasmania .. .. .	74,233	
Queensland .. .. .	920,048		New Zealand .. .. .	280,175	

\* The purity, and consequently the value, of gold varies considerably in different localities. In Victoria the average value is set down as £4 per oz., in Western Australia as £3 16s., and in Queensland as £3 1cs. per oz. Standard gold (*i.e.*, 22 carats fine) is worth £3 17s. 10½d. and pure gold £4 4s. 11½d. per oz.

† Including Northern Territory.

<sup>a</sup> Quantity declared for export only.

TABLE XXXV.—COAL RAISED, 1897.

Colony.	Coal Raised.		Average Price at Pit's Mouth at end of Year.
	Quantity.	Value at Pit's Mouth.	
	tons.	£	s. d.
Victoria ...	236,277	108,640	9 2¼
New South Wales ...	4,383,591	1,230,041	5 7
Queensland ...	358,407	139,889	7 10
Total ...	4,978,275	1,478,570	5 11¼
Tasmania ...	42,530	16,928	7 11½
New Zealand ...	840,713	420,357	10 0
Grand Total ...	5,861,518	1,915,855	6 6¼

NOTE.—In Victoria in 1898 the quantity raised was 242,860 tons.

ABLE XXXVI.—CONSUMPTION OF SIX LEADING DUTIABLE ARTICLES IN AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA, 1891 TO 1897.

Colony.	Spirits (thousands of gallons).			Beer (thousands of gallons).				Wine (thousands of gallons).				Tobacco (thousands of lbs.)				Tea (thousands of lbs.)			Sugar (thousands of lbs.)			
	Imported, Duty Paid.	Local, Paid Excise Duty.	Total.	Imported, Duty Paid.	Local, Paid Excise Duty.	Less Drawbacks.	Total.	Imported, Duty Paid.	Local Production.*	Less Drawbacks and Exports of Home Produce.	Total.	Imported, Duty Paid.†	Paid Excise Duty.	Less Drawbacks and Unmanufactured, Duty Paid.*	Total.	Imported, Duty Paid.	Less Drawbacks.	Total.	Imported, Duty Paid.	Local Production.*	Less Drawbacks and Exports of Home Produce.†	Total.
1891.																						
Victoria ...	1,086,	268,	1,354,	1,261,	17,506,*	44,†l	18,723,	122,	2,009,	161,l	1,970,	2,315,	1,100,	663,u	2,752,	11,976,	2,786,	9,190,	105,556,	...	4,801,d	100,755,
New South Wales ...	1,234,	34,	1,268,	2,499,	10,594,	25,d	13,068,	175,	842,	{ 54,l 1,d }	962,	1,929,	2,042,	642,u	3,329,	10,434,§	1,346,§	9,088,	61,373,	37,975,	{ 2,558,l 1,484,d }	{ 95,306,
Queensland ...	402,	64,	466,	809,	3,434,*	...	4,243,	70,	189,	...	259,	1,057,	863,*	...	1,920,	3,306,	...	3,306,	172,	114,731,	91,850,l	23,053,
South Australia ...	151,	56,	207,	271,	...	...	...	11,	763,	286,l	488,	650,	...	...	650,	2,366,	...	2,366,	30,595,	...	...	30,595,
Western Australia ...	75,	...	75,	306,	...	...	...	15,	195,	...	210,	226,	...	...	226,	536,	...	536,	5,014,	...	...	5,014,
Tasmania ...	105,	...	105,	100,	1,386,	...	1,486,	31,	...	...	31,	328,	...	...	328,	920,	...	920,	11,553,	...	...	11,553,
Total ...	3,053,	422,	3,475,	5,246,	...	...	...	424,	3,998,	502,	3,920,	6,505,	4,005,	1,305,	9,205,	29,538,	4,132,	25,406,	214,263,	152,706,	100,693,	266,276,
1892.																						
Victoria ...	913,	249,	1,162,	985,	15,875,*	51,†l	16,809,	87,	1,554,	226,l	1,415,	2,287,	1,200,	754,u	2,733,	11,685,	2,817,	8,868,	126,969,	...	2,450,d	124,519,
New South Wales ...	1,154,	30,	1,184,	2,243,	10,807,	37,d	13,013,	137,	913,	{ 28,l 1,d }	1,021,	1,942,	2,047,	619,u	3,370,	12,688,§	2,991,§	9,697,	62,176,	52,985,	{ 3,003,l 904,d }	{ 111,254,
Queensland ...	388,	59,	447,	576,	3,296,*	...	3,872,	63,	168,	...	231,	913,	427,*	1,†l	1,339,	3,209,	...	3,209,	888,	137,464,	86,361,l	51,991,
South Australia ...	161,	58,	219,	226,	...	...	...	9,	802,	325,l	486,	650,	...	...	650,	2,445,	...	2,445,	30,848,	...	...	30,848,
Western Australia ...	87,	...	87,	392,	...	...	...	17,	167,	...	184,	202,	...	...	202,	549,	...	549,	4,808,	...	...	4,808,
Tasmania ...	79,	...	79,	85,	1,357,	...	1,442,	20,	...	...	20,	298,	...	...	298,	1,099,	...	1,099,	12,669,	...	...	12,669,
Total ...	2,782,	396,	3,178,	4,507,	...	...	...	333,	3,604,	580,	3,357,	6,292,	3,674,	1,374,	8,592,	31,675,	5,808,	25,867,	238,358,	190,449,	92,718,	336,089,
1893.																						
Victoria ...	489,	204,	693,	484,	12,714,	...	13,198,	26,	1,695,	327,l	1,394,	1,763,	1,312,	489,u	2,586,	9,766,	1,992,	7,774,	92,961,	...	1,106,d	91,855,
New South Wales ...	972,	26,	998,	1,567,	9,753,	28,d	11,292,	98,	932,	{ 25,l 1,d }	1,004,	1,790,	1,882,	597,u	3,075,	11,225,§	1,240,§	9,985,	50,217,	48,505,	{ 2,601,l 644,d }	{ 95,477,
Queensland ...	346,	59,	405,	474,	3,262,*	...	3,736,	44,	193,	...	237,	619,	513,*	...	1,132,	3,173,	...	3,173,	699,	170,567,	117,754,l	53,512,
South Australia ...	129,	59,	188,	186,	...	...	...	7,	594,	260,l	341,	662,	...	...	662,	2,513,	...	2,513,	33,742,	...	...	33,742,
Western Australia ...	87,	...	87,	342,	...	...	...	16,	161,	...	177,	206,	...	...	206,	526,	...	526,	5,593,	...	...	5,593,
Tasmania ...	64,	...	64,	28,	1,194,	...	1,222,	14,	...	...	14,	273,	...	...	273,	913,	...	913,	12,416,	...	...	12,416,
Total ...	2,087,	348,	2,435,	...	...	...	...	205,	3,575,	613,	3,167,	5,313,	3,707,	1,086,	7,934,	28,116,	3,232,	24,884,	195,628,	219,072,	122,105,	292,595,



1894.																							
Victoria ...	...	515,	218,	733,	483,	12,521,	...	13,004,	25,	1,490,	230, <sup>l</sup>	1,285,	1,956,	1,008,	698, <sup>u</sup>	2,266,	9,356,	1,873,	7,483,	109,777,	...	807, <sup>d</sup>	108,970,
New South Wales...		931,	21,	952,	1,745,	9,509,	31, <sup>d</sup>	11,223,	83,	749,	{ 30, <sup>l</sup> 1, <sup>d</sup> }	801,	1,686,	1,853,	541, <sup>u</sup>	2,998,	12,097,\$	1,479,\$	10,618,	74,418,	47,788,	{ 1,216, <sup>l</sup> 712, <sup>d</sup> }	{ 120,278,
Queensland	...	344,	53,	397,	389,	3,554,*	...	3,943,	32,	101,	1,	132,	790,	1,072,*	...	1,862,	3,147,	...	3,147,	203,	205,435,	145,474,	60,164,
South Australia	...	119,	62,	181,	162,	...	...	...	6,	713,	257, <sup>l</sup>	462,	636,	...	...	636,	2,595,	...	2,595,	33,713,	...	...	33,713,
Western Australia	...	108,	...	108,	417,	...	...	...	23,	77,	...	100,	299,	...	...	299,	742,	...	742,	7,677,	...	...	7,677,
Tasmania	...	57,	...	57,	26,	1,064,	...	1,090,	13,	...	...	13,	252,	...	...	252,	887,	...	887,	11,469,	...	...	11,469,
Total	...	2,074,	354,	2,428,	...	...	...	...	182,	3,130,	519,	2,793,	5,619,	3,933,	1,239,	8,313,	28,824,	3,352,	25,472,	237,257,	253,223,	148,209,	342,271,
1895.																							
Victoria ...	...	455,	195,	650,	414,	12,741,	...	13,155,	28,	1,910,	318, <sup>l</sup>	1,620,	2,216,	1,322,	{ 951, <sup>u</sup> 46, <sup>d</sup> }	2,541,	9,570,	1,723,	7,847,	108,922,	...	1,076, <sup>d</sup>	107,846,
New South Wales...		910,	12,	922,	1,657,	9,822,	25, <sup>d</sup>	11,454,	81,	732,	20, <sup>l</sup>	793,	1,817,	2,021,	642, <sup>u</sup>	3,196,	12,592,\$	2,124,\$	10,468,	69,742,	45,208,	{ 1,652, <sup>l</sup> 1,019, <sup>d</sup> }	{ 112,279,
Queensland	...	355,	54,	409,	409,	4,531,*	...	4,940,	44,	176,	...	220,	806,	487,*	...	1,293,	3,063,	...	3,063,	172,	193,211,	151,345, <sup>l</sup>	42,038,
South Australia	...	104,	86,	190,	140,	3,015,	...	3,155,	4,	1,159,	343, <sup>l</sup>	820,	648,	...	...	648,	2,729,	...	2,729,	33,105,	...	...	33,105,
Western Australia	...	161,	...	161,	517,	...	...	...	44,	76,	...	120,	380,	...	...	380,	546,	...	546,	5,797,	...	...	5,797,
Tasmania	...	59,	...	59,	32,	1,103,	...	1,135,	14,	...	...	14,	225,	...	...	225,	978,	...	978,	13,986,	...	...	13,986,
Total	...	2,044,	347,	2,391,	3,169,	...	...	...	215,	4,053,	681,	3,587,	6,092,	3,830,	1,639,	8,283,	29,478,	3,847,	25,631,	231,724,	238,419,	155,092,	315,051,
1896.																							
Victoria ...	...	673,	196,	869,	513,	12,956,	...	13,469,	37,	2,227,	354, <sup>l</sup>	1,910,	1,814,	1,240,	{ 622, <sup>u</sup> 4, <sup>d</sup> }	2,428,	9,931,	1,756,	8,175,	115,523,	...	1,293, <sup>d</sup>	114,230,
New South Wales		934,	8,	942,	1,745,	10,177,	42, <sup>d</sup>	11,880,	83,	885,	24, <sup>l</sup>	944,	1,886,	2,032,	694, <sup>u</sup>	3,224,	10,075,\$	2,296,\$	7,779,	85,812,	44,359,	{ 12, <sup>l</sup> 1,083, <sup>d</sup> }	{ 129,076,
Queensland	...	368,	56,	424,	414,	5,661,*	...	6,075,	42,	238,	...	280,	750,	568,	43, <sup>u</sup>	1,275,	3,305,	...	3,305,	249,	225,734,	170,321, <sup>l</sup>	55,662,
South Australia	...	108,	87,	195,	166,	3,098,	...	3,264,	5,	1,579,	391, <sup>l</sup>	1,193,	607,	...	...	607,	2,879,	...	2,879,	34,457,	...	...	34,457,
Western Australia	...	264,	...	264,	834,	1,736,*	...	2,570,	85,	80,	...	165,	710,	...	...	710,	1,415,	...	1,415,	14,319,	...	...	14,319,
Tasmania	...	62,	...	62,	36,	1,140,	...	1,176,	15,	...	...	15,	298,	...	...	298,	932,	...	932,	13,863,	...	...	13,863,
Total	...	2,409,	347,	2,756,	3,708,	34,768,	42,	38,434,	267,	5,009,	769,	4,507,	6,065,	3,840,	1,363,	8,542,	28,537,	4,052,	24,485,	264,223,	270,093,	172,709,	361,607,
1897.																							
Victoria ...	...	615,	180,	795,	464,	13,031,	...	13,495,	33,	2,822,	323, <sup>l</sup>	2,532,	1,998,	1,298,	892, <sup>u</sup>	2,404,	9,286,	1,541,	7,745,	116,939,	...	1,184, <sup>d</sup>	115,755,
New South Wales		917,	7,	924,	1,808,	10,806,	34, <sup>d</sup>	12,580,	78,	794,	{ 24, <sup>l</sup> 1, <sup>d</sup> }	847,	2,085,	2,067,	890, <sup>u</sup>	3,262,	12,193,\$	2,598,\$	9,595,	68,672,	57,026,	{ 20, <sup>l</sup> 1,174, <sup>d</sup> }	{ 124,504,
Queensland	...	360,	53,	413,	420,	5,340,*	...	5,760,	40,	171,	...	211,	728,	578,	38, <sup>u</sup>	1,268,	3,209,	12,	3,197,	298,	219,332,	142,422, <sup>l</sup>	77,208,
South Australia	...	105,	80,	185,	148,	2,979,	...	3,127,	5,	1,743,	514,	1,234,	613,	...	...	613,	2,735,	...	2,735,	35,298,	...	...	35,298,
Western Australia	...	281,	...	281,	969,	...	...	...	77,	76,	...	153,	795,	...	...	795,	1,382,\$	...	1,382,	16,175,\$	...	...	16,175,
Tasmania	...	65,	...	65,	46,	1,162,	...	1,208,	15,	...	...	15,	298,	...	...	298,	902,	...	902,	15,636,	...	...	15,636,
Total	...	2,343,	320,	2,663,	3,855,	...	34,	...	248,	5,606,	862,	4,992,	6,517,	3,943,	1,820,	8,640,	29,707,	4,151,	25,556,	253,018,	276,358,	144,800,	384,576,

NOTE.—The figures showing the production of sugar in New South Wales and Queensland have been revised since last publication.

\* In these cases, there being no excise duty, the quantity produced in the colony is given instead.

† Unmanufactured tobacco imported which is included with the imports is also added to the deductions, being distinguished by the letter *u* from drawbacks *d*.

‡ Quantities, the produce or manufacture of the colony exported, is also deducted in these cases, being distinguished by the letter *l* from drawbacks *d*.

§ Quantities imported and exported in each case, there being no import duty on tea in the case of New South Wales in all the years, and Western Australia in 1897.

TABLE XXXVIA.—CONSUMPTION PER HEAD OF SIX LEADING DUTIABLE ARTICLES IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1891 TO 1897.

—	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia and Tasmania.
Spirits (galls.) ...	1891 1'18	1'16	1'15	·65	1'46	·70	1'08
	1892 1'00	1'02	1'07	·67	1'55	·51	·97
	1893 ·59	·82	·95	·56	1'40	·42	·73
	1894 ·63	·77	·91	·53	1'45	·37	·71
	1895 ·55	·74	·91	·55	1'78	·37	·69
	1896 ·74	·73	·91	·55	2'16	·38	·77
	1897 ·68	·70	·86	·52	1'80	·38	·73
Beer (galls.) ...	1891 16'32	11'39	10'48	...	...	9'97	...
	1892 14'46	11'19	9'31	...	...	9'43	...
	1893 11'28	9'33	8'75	...	...	7'94	...
	1894 11'07	9'07	8'99	...	...	6'99	...
	1895 11'15	9'04	10'91	9'05	...	7'13	...
	1896 11'44	9'22	13'03	9'22	21'04	7'19	10'76
	1897 11'50	9'59	12'04	8'77	...	7'15	...
Wine (galls.) ...	1891 1'72	·84	·64	1'51	4'10	·21	1'22
	1892 1'22	·86	·55	1'47	3'29	·13	1'02
	1893 1'19	·83	·55	1'00	2'83	·09	·94
	1894 1'09	·65	·30	1'32	1'35	·08	·81
	1895 1'37	·63	·48	2'32	1'32	·09	1'02
	1896 1'62	·73	·60	3'32	1'35	·09	1'26
	1897 2'16	·65	·44	3'41	·98	·09	1'37
Tobacco (lbs.) ...	1891 2'40	2'91	4'74	2'05	4'41	2'20	2'86
	1892 2'35	2'86	3'22	2'00	3'61	1'95	2'61
	1893 2'21	2'54	2'65	1'97	3'29	1'78	2'36
	1894 1'93	2'42	4'25	1'85	4'02	1'61	2'43
	1895 2'19	2'53	2'84	1'86	4'20	1'87	2'38
	1896 2'06	2'50	2'73	1'71	5'81	1'82	2'40
	1897 2'05	2'49	2'65	1'72	5'10	1'76	2'37
Tea (lbs.) ...	1891 8'01	7'92	8'17	7'45	10'45	6'18	7'91
	1892 7'63	8'33	7'72	7'50	9'80	7'19	7'85
	1893 6'64	8'25	7'44	7'47	8'41	5'93	7'41
	1894 6'37	8'58	7'17	7'52	9'98	5'69	7'43
	1895 6'65	8'28	6'76	7'83	6'03	6'15	7'33
	1896 6'94	6'04	7'09	8'13	11'58	5'70	6'86
	1897 6'60	7'32	6'68	7'67	8'87	5'34	7'00
Sugar and Molasses (lbs.)*	1891 87'85	83'34	56'95	96'37	97'84	77'56	82'75
	1892 107'09	94'19	125'03	94'57	85'89	82'86	101'84
	1893 78'40	78'87	125'38	100'30	76'91	80'74	86'95
	1894 92'77	97'20	137'13	97'76	103'26	73'58	99'76
	1895 91'39	88'78	92'85	94'98	64'05	87'88	90'00
	1896 97'01	100'23	119'39	97'34	117'21	84'80	101'12
	1897 98'70	95'00	161'38	98'94	103'85	92'57	105'42

\* Rates for New South Wales and Queensland revised since last publication. About 10 per cent. of the sugar consumed in Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland is used in brewing and distilling.

TABLE XXXVII.—BANKS OF ISSUE.—AVERAGE OF QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

Name of Colony.	Number of Banks.*	Paid-up Capital.	Deposits.	Bank Notes in Circulation.	Advances.	Coin and Bullion.
Victoria ...	11	£17,404,523	£ 29,165,313†	£ 956,665	£ 35,576,947	£ 7,358,753
New South Wales ...	13		28,906,440	1,227,964	38,088,218	5,941,592
Queensland ...	11		11,869,982	3,590‡	13,282,501	2,095,598
South Australia ...	8		6,466,994	380,803	4,618,480	2,184,523
Western Australia ...	6		3,728,368	379,216	3,416,087	1,911,340
Total ...	18		80,137,097	2,948,238	94,982,233	19,491,806
Tasmania ...	4		2,969,298	106,817	2,287,834	781,520
New Zealand ...	5		13,828,432	1,015,040	8,686,254	2,955,818
Grand Total ...	22		96,934,827	4,070,095	105,956,321	23,229,144

\* Net number; many banks do business in more than one colony.

† Exclusive of Perpetual Inscribed Stock, £1,044,325.

‡ In Queensland, Treasury notes have taken the place of bank notes. On the 31st December, 1897, the value of Treasury notes outstanding was £999,070, of which about two-thirds were sold for gold and one-third advanced to Banks at 2 per centum. The reserve of gold held against the notes was, in June 1895, £333,152—consisting of £666,478 received from note-holders, and Loan Fund gold £166,674—of which £733,743 is deposited in safes at Queensland National Bank, £49,000 in Treasury strong room, £49 in charge of teller at Treasury, and £50,000 in current account, Queensland National Bank.



TABLE XXXVIII.—PUBLIC SAVINGS BANKS, 1897.  
(Including both Trustee and Post Office Savings Banks.)

Name of Colony.	On the 31st December, 1897.*				Maximum Amount on which Interest is allowed.	Interest allowed.	
	Number of Depositors.		Amount remaining on Deposit.			Government Banks.	Trustee Banks.
	Total.	Per 100 of the Population.	Total.	Average to each Depositor.			
			£	£ s. d.	£	per cent.	per cent.
Victoria ...	338,260	28·75	8,099,364	23 18 10	250	...	2 and 2½†
New South Wales ...	227,629	17·20	9,136,793	40 2 9	200	3	3 and 3½†
Queensland ...	63,310	13·06	2,568,477	40 11 5	200	3	...
South Australia ...	93,669	26·25	3,011,157	32 2 11	250	...	3
Western Australia ...	26,317	16·26	856,084	32 10 8	300	3	...
Total ...	749,185	21·41	23,671,875	31 11 11	...	...	...
Tasmania ...	34,518	20·10	731,648	21 3 11	150	3	3
New Zealand ...	187,954	25·78	5,520,080	29 7 4	...	3	...
Grand Total	971,657	22·08	29,923,603	30 15 11	...	...	...

NOTE.—There are both Government and Trustee Banks in New South Wales, Tasmania, and New Zealand; Government Savings Banks only in Queensland and Western Australia; and Trustee Banks only in South Australia and Victoria—those in the latter colony being guaranteed by, and under the supervision of, the Government. All the Government Savings Banks are managed by the Postal Departments except that for Queensland. In Victoria the Government and the Trustee Banks were merged into one institution on the 30th September, 1897.

\* Except in the case of South Australia and Western Australia, for which the figures relate to 30th June, 1897.

† Rate is 2½ per cent. for the first £100 or under, and 2 per cent. for any excess over that amount up to £250.

‡ On accounts closed during 1897 3 per cent.; and on accounts remaining open at end of year 3½ per cent.

ADDENDUM TO TABLE XXXVIII.—GENERAL SAVINGS BANKS OF VICTORIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

				Victoria, 1897-8.	New South Wales, 1897.	South Australia, 1896-7.
At end of year—						
Depositors ... ..	No.			338,260	76,286	93,669
Deposits ... ..	£			8,099,364	4,444,960	3,011,157
Depositors having at credit—				Percentage.	Percentage.	Percentage.
£20 and under ... ..				77	54	71
£20 to £50 ... ..				9	13	11
£50 to £100 ... ..				6	10	7
£100 to £200 ... ..				5	12	6
£200 to £250 ... ..				1	10	2
£250 to £300 ... ..				2	1	3
Over £300 ... ..						
Earnings during year—				£	£	£
Gross ... ..				266,806	167,235	107,042
Discharges ... ..				44,652	18,362	11,127
Net ... ..				222,154	148,873	95,915
Paid to depositors and accrued interest ...				202,331	140,068	82,742
Carried to reserves ... ..				19,823	8,805	10,000
Investments at end of year—				£	£	£
Deposits with Colonial Treasurer ...				478,108	2,199,012	...
Lent on Mortgage ... ..				1,146,049†	1,005,220	1,103,288
Mortgage bonds (Crédit Foncier) ‡				427,703	...	50,287
Government Securities ... ..				3,965,767§	213,454	1,181,797
Municipal Debentures, &c. ... ..				160,390	...	33,814
Bank Deposits    ... ..				1,230,536	1,250,895	365,080
Freeholds acquired by foreclosure ...				484,348	...	74,320
Bank premises ... ..				118,010	46,000	11,000
Total ... ..				8,598,096	4,714,581	2,819,856
Reserves—						
Reserve fund ... ..				...	227,494	85,000
Depreciation Account ... ..				45,055	44,647	103
Fidelity guarantee fund ... ..				3,082	...	10,000
Profit and loss account ... ..				19,823	594	11,991
Total ... ..				67,960	272,735	107,094

\* Average during year.

† Including £156,052 loans to farmers under old Act.

‡ Guaranteed by State.

§ Including £1,117,310 for which the Colonial Treasurer's certificate only is held.

|| Exclusive of Bank Working Account, £109,078 in Victoria, and £309,080 in Western Australia.

TABLE XXXIX.—ADVANCES BY STATE OR SAVINGS BANKS TO FARMERS, 1897-8.

				Victoria.	South Australia.	Western Australia (1896-7).	New Zealand.
During the Year—							
Applications received	...	No.		1,074	...	...	1,624
„ amount	...	£		525,493	...	...	431,015
„ approved	...	No.		672	...	...	1,219
„ amount	...	£		305,072	...	34,325	293,190
„ value of securities	...	£		...	...	...	585,015
Amount advanced	...	£		284,825	110,500	...	320,563
Bonds sold	...	£		410,543	108,200	...	...
Totals to Date—							
Applications approved	...	No.		1,392	1,137 (?)	485	5,139
„ „ amount	...	£		646,570	372,520	52,425 +	1,405,965
Advances outstanding	...	£		523,852	360,802	22,300	1,257,918
Bonds authorized to be issued	...	£		2,000,000	...	100,000	3,000,000
„ outstanding	...	£		541,225*	358,500	100,000	1,500,000
„ „ proceeds realized	...	...		541,225	...	...	1,394,102
Advances—							
Rate of interest charged ‡	...	...		4½ per cent.	4½ per cent.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.
Maximum term	...	...		31½ years	42 years \$	...	36½ years
„ amount allowed	...	£		2,000	...	800	3,000
Highest proportion of valuation advanced	...	...		67 per cent.	60 per cent.	75 per cent.	60 per cent.

NOTE.—In several of the colonies institutions or branches of institutions have been established for raising money by the issue of bonds, and making advances therefrom to farmers for extended terms at reduced rates of interest. In Victoria such functions are performed by the Commissioners of Savings Banks (guaranteed by the Government), in South Australia by a State Bank, in Western Australia by an Agricultural Bank, and in New Zealand by the "Government Advances to Settlers Office." In Victoria the Act was passed on 24th December, 1896. The object is to allow of advances being made—(1) To pay off liabilities already existing on land; (2) To pay off any money owing to the Crown; (3) To make improvements on or to improve and develop the agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, or pastoral resources of land, &c. Although the Savings Bank Commissioners had tested the system before the Act was passed in 1896, as they had been lending to farmers since April, 1894, under the old Act, the amount so lent being £176,695, and upon these loans all the instalments due up to 30th June, 1897, were fully paid, representing 419 first, 347 second, 238 third, 128 fourth, 58 fifth, and 9 sixth instalments. In South Australia expenses of management during the first quarter amounted to £3,433. In Western Australia the bank which has a capital limited to £100,000 was established in 1895, and is restricted, which is said not to be the case in other colonies, to advances for the further improvement of land (the improvements allowed being clearing, cultivating, ring-barking, fencing, draining, wells of fresh water, reservoirs, buildings, and other improvements which will increase the agricultural and pastoral capabilities of the land); and the maximum advance allowed is £800. In New Zealand the system has been in force since 1894. In Queensland there has been an issue of Government Bank Inscribed Stock amounting to £953,603 on 30th June, 1897 (out of £1,000,000 authorized), but none of this appears to be utilized for advances to farmers, as £670,000 has been applied to the Redemption of Government Debentures and Treasury Bills, and the balance placed in the Queensland National Bank.

Rate of Interest on Mortgages in New Zealand.—According to the return to an order of the Lower House of Parliament in New Zealand, dated 11th August, 1898, the amount of mortgages registered in that colony during the year 1897-8 was £6,702,081, and the amount paid off £5,516,598. The rate of interest was specified in respect to £5,447,000 of the former amount; about £12,000 bore interest at under 4 per cent., £31,000 at 4 per cent., £995,000 at 4½ per cent., £178,000 at 4¾ per cent., £2,011,000 at 5 per cent., £435,000 at 5½ per cent., £824,000 at 6 per cent., £219,000 at 6½ per cent., £16,000 at 6¾ per cent., £364,000 at 7 per cent., £28,000 at 7½ per cent., £15,000 at 8 per cent., £22,000 at 8½ and 9 per cent., £48,000 at 10 per cent., £25,000 at various other rates between 4¾ and 7½ per cent., and £5,000 at various rates between 11 and 40 per cent. (averaging 14 per cent.). On the whole, the average rate was slightly under 5½ per cent.

\* Three per cents., of which the Savings Banks Department of the institution held £427,703, the balance being held by the public.  
† On improvements to be effected to the value of £104,186.  
‡ Exclusive of payments towards redemption. In Victoria the rate was at first 5 per cent.  
§ Of advances to 31st March, 1897, amounting to about £372,000, £52,000 was for terms varying from one to ten years, £89,000 from eleven to twenty, £65,000 from twenty-one to thirty, and £167,000 from thirty-one to forty-two years.  
|| Of improvements to be effected, but in addition there is the value of the land and improvements previously effected.

TABLE XL.—LIFE ASSURANCE POLICIES IN FORCE.

Colony.				Policies.		Amount Assured.	
				Number.	Per 100 of Population.	Total.	Average per Policy.
	Year.						
Victoria	1897	...	...	144,842	12·3	£ 23,530,517	162·5
South Australia	1896	...	...	11,640	3·2	2,404,370	206·6
Western Australia	1896	...	...	10,412	7·6	2,279,287	218·9
Tasmania	1897	...	...	16,473	9·6	2,972,088	180·4
New Zealand *	1897	...	...	75,692	10·4	19,723,970	260·6

NOTE.—In Victoria there were 156 annuities for £12,575; in South Australia 9 for £770; and in New Zealand 44 for £6,100.  
\* Including 36,174 policies for £9,002,601 paid by the Government Insurance Department.

TABLE XLI.—FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Colony.	Year.	Number of Branches.	Members.		During Year.		Funds.	
			Number.	Per 100 of Population.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Amount.	Average per Member.
Victoria	1897	1,081	84,012	7·14	£ 312,000	£ 279,010	£ 1,189,909	£ s. d. 14 3 3
New South Wales	1896	803	70,000	5·39	246,796	226,810	561,813	8 0 6
Queensland	1897	312	24,509	5·06	81,025	67,077	187,484	7 13 0
South Australia	1895	487	42,703	11·95	165,445	151,563	475,654	11 2 9
Western Australia	1896	41	3,138	2·28	7,841	6,221	38,007	12 2 3
Total	...	2,724	224,362	6·50	813,107	730,681	2,452,867	10 18 8
Tasmania	1897	120	11,347	6·61	35,585	31,277	91,948	8 2 1
New Zealand	1896	392	31,825	4·46	122,234	98,106	611,826	19 4 6
Grand Total	...	3,236	267,534	6·16	970,926	860,064	3,156,641	11 16 0



APPENDIX A

STATISTICS OF FIJI, 1878 TO 1897.

\*\*\* Fiji consists of from 70 to 80 inhabited islands, the estimated area of which is 7,500 square miles. There are also about 150 smaller islands uninhabited. The total area of the group is estimated to be 7,740 square miles.

Year.			Estimated Population on the 31st December.			Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Immigrants (Polynesians and Coolies only).		
			Males.	Females.	Total.				Males.	Females.	Total.
1878	...	...	64,748	52,350	117,098	2,262	2,244	419	1,346	174	1,520
1879	...	...	67,697	52,962	120,659	3,654	3,532	1,356	2,098	288	2,386
1880	...	...	67,598	54,286	121,884	4,103	4,326	1,358	2,500	34	2,534
1881	...	...	71,323	57,188	128,511	4,321	4,411	1,056	1,100	58	1,158
1882	...	...	72,376	57,703	130,079	4,552	4,933	1,280	2,561	511	3,072
1883	...	...	71,540	58,354	129,894	4,649	5,310	1,097	2,013	546	2,559
1884	...	...	71,011	57,512	128,523	4,540	8,592	978	2,292	980	3,272
1885	...	...	69,860	57,419	127,279	4,319	5,775	1,133	1,422	736	2,158
1886	...	...	68,727	57,283	126,010	4,253	5,502	1,155	...	...	1,273
1887	...	...	66,144	58,514	124,658	4,749	4,365	1,167	...	...	276
1888	...	...	66,635	58,806	125,441	4,709	4,236	966	627	190	817
1889	...	...	67,480	57,439	124,919	4,289	4,906	1,102	475	180	655
1890	...	...	67,902	57,780	125,682	3,681	4,035	1,980	968	392	1,360
1891	...	...	67,981	57,421	125,402	4,335	5,948	1,065	993	377	1,370
1892	...	...	68,239	57,203	125,442	4,397	5,679	1,058	1,257	491	1,748
1893	...	...	67,507	55,205	122,712	4,600	5,659	1,106	535	242	777
1894	...	...	67,159	54,708	121,867	4,405	5,151	1,198	871	228	1,099
1895	...	...	66,350	53,895	120,245	4,154	5,812	1,241	1,175	461	1,636
1896	...	...	66,571	53,929	120,500	4,126	4,995	1,129	921	352	1,273
1897	...	...	67,410	54,388	121,798	4,075	4,443	1,303	925	406	1,331

Year.			Emigrants (Polynesians and Coolies only).			Public Revenue.			Public Expendi- ture.	Public Debt.	Value of Imports.	Value of Exports.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	Raised by Taxat'on.	Not raised by Taxation.	Total.				
1878	...	...	638	71	709	£ 42,697	£ 18,324	£ 61,021	£ 65,267	£ 100,000	£ 136,608	£ 192,865
1879	...	...	313	32	345	46,260	21,511	67,771	71,108	120,000	142,213	169,040
1880	...	...	170	18	188	46,544	34,134	80,678	91,102	210,000	185,741	229,528
1881	...	...	860	24	884	49,606	37,837	87,443	89,960	254,025	276,040	174,146
1882	...	...	1,066	73	1,139	59,518	51,796	111,314	109,986	254,025	303,329	190,517
1883	...	...	1,251	94	1,345	74,805	32,009	106,814	88,277	254,025	450,595	351,998
1884	...	...	693	60	753	68,162	23,361	91,523	98,468	254,025	434,522	345,344
1885	...	...	1,681	265	1,946	62,985	13,684	76,669	92,209	264,025	294,585	326,750
1886	...	...	...	...	2,113	51,882	12,692	64,574	78,133	264,695	230,742	283,496
1887	...	...	...	...	1,634	41,616	23,300	64,916	73,150	265,389	188,071	281,080
1888	...	...	267	31	298	44,223	20,795	65,018	58,993	253,289	183,222	376,978
1889	...	...	410	187	597	44,316	19,406	63,722	57,710	251,090	189,393	364,282
1890	...	...	239	41	280	46,928	19,889	66,817	60,826	248,989	206,757	364,533
1891	...	...	364	125	489	57,267	13,983	71,250	67,820	246,690	253,049	474,334
1892	...	...	...	...	607	57,282	14,271	71,553	67,652	243,236	253,586	434,791
1893	...	...	396	187	583	58,090	18,684	76,774	85,981	239,682	276,398	355,632
1894	...	...	822	405	1,227	64,556	15,498	80,054	72,203	224,677	285,981	581,652
1895	...	...	522	442	964	63,215	15,025	78,240	76,204	221,037	241,759	332,208
1896	...	...	449	234	683	56,293	17,576	73,869	73,099	217,897	242,492	435,342
1897	...	...	25	9	34	56,474	18,018	74,492	73,232	213,257	248,748	431,860

STATISTICS OF FIJI, 1878 TO 1897—continued.

Year.			Shipping.				Crown Lands Granted and Sold in each Year.*	Live Stock.			
			Inwards.		Outwards.			Number of—			
			Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.		Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.†
1878	...	...	124	23,180	128	24,080	acres. 39,476	200	3,000	3,100	50,000
1879	...	...	131	28,967	125	28,085	23,559	300	4,000	3,771	50,000
1880	...	...	157	32,933	150	32,689	27,562	360	5,000	4,769	50,000
1881	...	...	164	35,542	160	35,230	75,627	400	5,000	4,769	50,000
1882	...	...	163	43,768	165	43,757	65,745	600	5,000	4,000	50,000
1883	...	...	198	68,530	193	69,322	31,665	600	5,324	5,373	50,000
1884	...	...	150	63,246	144	64,731	38,325	610	4,600	5,869	50,000
1885	...	...	124	54,056	135	55,892	26,368	650	5,953	6,350	50,000
1886	...	...	118	54,132	113	51,237	14,028	567	6,841	6,055	50,000
1887	...	...	119	46,902	118	44,865	8,120	647	6,778	6,508	1,711
1888	...	...	106	49,579	110	51,548	6,300	684	6,754	6,996	1,903
1889	...	...	89	51,220	81	47,303	5,059	695	8,768	6,838	2,089
1890	...	...	79	56,711	89	60,644	2,824	695	6,988	6,800	2,000
1891	...	...	101	69,276	97	68,865	...	959	9,861	6,072	1,778
1892	...	...	91	71,444	91	67,865	6,935	1,202	9,462	6,050	1,736
1893	...	...	92	75,431	85	71,957	2,623	1,381	10,134	5,082	2,116
1894	...	...	135	128,622	135	130,251	...	1,538	9,386	4,130	1,478
1895	...	...	142	118,533	139	116,869	90‡	1,579	11,018	4,037	1,452
1896	...	...	132	115,470	129	115,586	21	1,631	12,558	4,760	1,276
1897	...	...	129	124,128	127	123,887	6	1,832	15,136	4,716	1,185

NOTE.—The following additional information is for the year 1897:—Birth rate, 33·45; Death rate, 36·47; Marriage rate, 10·69 per 1,000 persons living. *Immigration*—The total number of arrivals in 1897 was 1,995, of whom 501 were Europeans. *Emigration* (1897)—Total departures, 438, of whom 413 were Europeans.

*Sources of Revenue*—Customs duties, £32,594; other taxes, £23,480; other sources, £18,018. *Heads of Expenditure*—Interest on public debt, £9,297; Post Office, &c., £2,664; general administration, £33,667; law and protection, £16,494; public works, £6,240; other expenditure, £5,070. *Public Debt*—In 1897, consisted of £97,557 Imperial advances, bearing no interest, in aid of annexation, and in payment of compensation in respect of disallowed land claims; £100,000 for payment of liabilities of former so-called Government; and £50,000 for public works and immigration, less £34,300 redeemed, bearing interest at 4½ per cent.

*Imports and Exports*—Of the total value of imports, £231,297, or nearly 93 per cent., was from the Australasian Colonies (nearly five-sixths being from New South Wales and about one-seventh from New Zealand), and £17,451 from other countries; and of the total value of exports, £415,821, or over 96 per cent., was to Australasian Colonies (half being to New Zealand, more than one-fifth to Victoria, and one-quarter nearly to New South Wales), and £16,039 to other countries; almost the whole of the exports were of Fijian production. *Postal Returns* (1897)—Number of offices, 37; letters, 396, 91; newspapers, 320,163. *Education*—Number of schools, 7 (2 public and 5 private); teachers, 17, viz., 7 males and 10 females; scholars on the rolls, 368, viz., 208 males and 160 females.

*Agriculture*—Land under cultivation (by whites only), 45,970 acres. The area and produce of the principal crops in 1897 were as follow:—

Area in Acres.				Produce.			
Maize	..	..	407	..	16,312	bushels	
Cocoanuts	..	..	19,912	..	Nuts, 8,843	sacks; copra, 8,257	tons
Sugar	..	..	23,118	..	26,991	tons	
Bananas	..	..	1,253	..	209,722	bunches	
Tea	..	..	210	..	..	..	
Peanuts	..	..	267	..	185	tons	
Rice	..	..	431	..	..	..	
Pine-apples, hemp, coffee, tobacco, beans	..	..	372	..	Pines and bananas, 31,308	cases	

\* The total area alienated at the end of 1897 was 423,017 acres, and the area unalienated 4,530,903 acres. The amount realized by the State for sales of land to the end of 1875 was only £27,042, which, however, represents the price of but a small proportion of the acreage alienated. The majority of the grants issued were for lands acquired by whites and others previously to annexation, and these received their titles at the nominal price of One shilling.

† Returns from Europeans only since 1886.

‡ Against this there were Crown grants recalled for correction of an area of 98 acres.



APPENDIX B.

STATISTICS OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA, 1888-9 TO 1896-7.

AREA, 90,000 SQUARE MILES.

Financial Year.	Estimated Population.	Public Revenue.			Public Expenditure.	Value of—		Shipping.				Gold Produced.*		Postal Returns.						
		Locally Raised.	Provided by Guarantee.	Total.		Imports.	Exports.	Inwards.		Outwards.		Quantity.	Value.	Received.			Despatched.			
								Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.			Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	
		£	£	£	£	£	£					ozs.	£							
1888-9 †	Between 300,000 and 350,000	2,680	12,320	15,000	10,770	11,109	5,943	198	7,482	188	6,952	3,850	14,387	2,366	93	4,071	2,587	98	574	
1889-90		3,016	11,984	15,000	14,975	16,104	6,455	92	5,897	96	6,287	3,470	12,440	3,166	111	6,844	2,586	84	590	
1890-91		2,674	12,326	15,000	15,000	15,530	8,434	64	4,597	61	4,365	2,426	8,371	2,664	142	6,042	2,191	88	468	
1891-2		4,784	10,216	15,000	15,000	23,755	11,289	56	4,966	55	5,977	1,235	4,322	4,393	260	8,505	3,917	160	756	
1892-3		4,605	10,395	15,000	15,000	25,261	14,966	42	3,351	34	3,300	582	2,236	4,679	230	6,749	4,011	427	276	
1893-4		5,867	9,133	15,000	15,000	28,501	14,952	35	3,872	27	2,791	1,128	3,906	6,280	157	8,131	5,297	467	240	
1894-5		5,109	9,891	15,000	15,000	28,367	16,215	104	6,605	78	6,082	728	2,565	6,279	129	7,146	6,189	468	776	
1895-6		6,547	8,453	15,000	15,000	34,521	19,401	89	10,387	60	9,472	1,373	4,735	7,130	246	7,197	4,987	281	828	
1896-7		10,663	4,337	15,000	16,228	51,391	35,654	85	13,650	65	15,174	7,148	25,018	11,148	181	7,441	11,550	475	1,635	

NOTES.—The Finances are supplied by a sum not exceeding £15,000 per annum, for which the Colony of Queensland has made itself primarily responsible, Victoria and New South Wales contributing equally with Queensland towards this amount. Local revenue is applied in reduction of the sums payable by the contributing colonies, and any credit balance in the appropriation account must be written off at the end of the year.

Crown lands may be alienated for agricultural purposes, at not less than 2s. 6d. per acre, conditional on the introduction of some new industry. Where no such condition as to improvements is imposed, the minimum prices are:—For agricultural land, 10s. per acre; pastoral land, 2s.; for trading or fishing purposes, £5; and for coconut planting, 5s. per acre. Areas not exceeding 50 acres may be sold under deferred payments, extending over 5 years, the minimum price in such cases being £1 per acre.

The following is additional information for the year 1896-7:—*Population*.—It is impossible to obtain anything more than a rude guess at the total of the indigenous population. The non-native population of the Possession in April, 1891, was about 272, of whom only 156 were whites, the remainder being chiefly Polynesians, Malays, &c. *Sources of Local Revenue*.—Customs duties, £9,336; licences, £246; gold-fields, £262; fees, fines, &c., £499; miscellaneous, £320. *Heads of Expenditure*.—Salaries and allowances, £8,808; vessels, £1,258; buildings, £754; agriculture, £94; mail service, £900; and miscellaneous, £4,414. *Chief Exports*.—Gold, £25,018; sandalwood, £2,323; copra, 440 tons, value £3,494.

\* Gold entered at Cooktown, Queensland, as received from British New Guinea, no other record being available. The number of miners on the gold-fields fell off from 700 or 800 in 1888-9 to about 40 in 1891-2; but again increased to over 200 in 1894-5, owing to the discovery of a new gold-field at Murna or Woodlark, and prospecting was being vigorously pursued along the course of the rivers N.E. coast with rather encouraging prospects.

† Ten months only.

APPENDIX C.

STATE-ASSISTED IMMIGRATION, 1851 TO 1897.

Period.			Number of Immigrants introduced in each year.						
			Victoria.	New South Wales,*	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.
DECADES.									
1851-60	...	...	87,963	71,649	...	48,905	...	16,636	†
1861-70	...	...	46,594	18,212	1,617	13,730	...	1,852	†
1871-80	...	...	5,545	24,412	50,782	25,415	889	477	100,920
1881-90	...	...	2	34,079	103,140	7,295	4,552	2,734	14,614
YEAR.									
1891	...	...	...	190	2,676	...	134	...	44
1892	...	...	...	179	729	...	317	...	...
1893	...	...	...	120	...	...	186	...	...
1894	...	...	...	67	...	...	199	...	...
1895	...	...	...	37	...	...	144	...	...
1896	...	...	...	17	...	...	136	...	...
1897	...	...	...	35	...	...	180	...	...
Total	...	...	140,104	148,997	158,944	95,345	6,737	21,699	115,578†

NOTE.—For particulars relating to each year, see issues of these Statistics for 1893 and previous years.

\* In New South Wales, prior to the period embraced in the table, there were 62,961 assisted immigrants between 1832 and 1850.

† Exclusive of the numbers for New Zealand for years prior to 1870.